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EXCLUSIVE By **Chris Riches**

A GRIM future for one-year-old Dexter Newton has become much brighter thanks to an Express campaign that has won him the right to receive a life-saving NHS drug.

Pressure from cystic fibrosis campaigners and a five-year

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Big camp sight! Glasto tent city ready for fans

By **Tara Fair**

A TENT city has been put up at Glastonbury before 210,000 music fans arrive for Britain's biggest festival next week.

It includes "Tipi Village" where a six-person luxury tent in the Somerset hills overlooking Worthy Farm will set you back £1,750.

Meanwhile a local forecaster is warning festival-goers to bring sunhats and wellies to the five-day event which starts on Wednesday.

James Carter, 29, from Worle, Weston-super-Mare – who has taught himself how to predict the weather via online courses – believes sunshine and thunderstorms are on the cards. For the first couple of days it should stay hot and dry, he says. But from Friday night into Saturday morning tropical showers are likely to move in, bringing heavy downpours.

James said: "It's not looking to be really cold or have particularly severe winds but will be cooler and breezier towards the end of the weekend.

"The biggest issue will be the rain. I'd say pack everything – shorts, sunc ream and umbrella – so you're well prepared."

This year the headline acts will be Dua Lipa, SZA and Coldplay.

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Forget that lie-in! Get down to the lido, because the sun's out at last

By **Geoff Maynard**

SOME people will go to any lengths for a quiet swim – and these early risers were rewarded with this glorious sunrise.

The stunning shots were taken at Peterborough Lido at 4.30am yesterday, just hours before last night's summer solstice.

The city's 164ft art deco main pool, which opened in 1936, attracted plenty of keen lane swimmers despite the early hour.

There will be a good chance for more fabulous sunrise dips at open pools across the country over the next few days as the long-awaited good weather spell continues.

Today will see temperatures soaring as high as 23C, although showers in parts of Scotland will keep temperatures there down to a maximum of 19C.

The settled, sunny conditions will likely continue into the weekend.

And some experts are optimistic that the temperatures will rise even further come next week.

A Met Office spokesman said: "For the start of next week it will be predominantly fine and settled."

They added: "Much of the country will turn much warmer than we have seen in recent weeks."

So even more bathers are likely to be setting their alarms early, grabbing their swimming gear and heading off to a lido...

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CF DRUGS VICTORY

‘This is fantastic news for this cruel condition...and

FROM PAGE ONE

Daily Express crusade have succeeded – now anyone born with the condition will have access to wonder treatments which can prolong their lives.

The delighted parents of one-year-old Dexter said he will “now have the chance of a full life not restricted by this genetic disease. It’s amazing.”

CF sufferer Carlie Pleasant, 34, who helped launch our campaign, said: “This is fantastic news for anyone in the UK who has this cruel condition and for the generations yet to come.”

The life-limiting genetic condition slowly clogs the lungs with mucus. There are more than 11,000 sufferers in the UK, and there was no effective treatment on the NHS prior to 2019.

Our campaign began in February that year and by the October the first of three drugs from US pharma giant Vertex – Orkambi, Symkevi and wonder pill Kaftrio – became available to UK patients.

They are currently used by some 8,000 CF patients. But last autumn NHS drug approver the National

‘Wonder drug’...Vertex’s Kaftrio

Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Nice) gave draft guidance that, despite transforming people’s lives, they are too costly for new or future CF patients to have.

The change would not have affected those already on treatment yet might have led to drugs being approved for current CF patients but denied to newborns.

After protests by campaigners and this newspaper, NHS England says it has struck a deal with Vertex which will pave the way for all the UK to have access to its current and potentially, pending talks, future treatments for ever.

Carlie, from Sittingbourne, Kent, said: “When I first started campaigning for access to CF drugs in 2018 a deal looked a long way off.

“It was so frustrating to know that these drugs existed but we couldn’t get them. When we got the initial deal with Vertex in October 2019 it was amazing...but we knew it was an interim deal which Nice still had to rubber-stamp.

“When they announced last autumn that they were going to stop access for future CF patients due to the cost of the drugs it was heartbreaking. This seemed like a two-tier health system.

“Now this has been agreed today I’m elated. It’s makes me want to celebrate all over again.”

Aptly, today is Wear Yellow Day, the culmination of CF Week, where people raise funds for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust charity that supports sufferers and their families.

The NHS England deal includes a commitment to “work together on a path” for potential access to as yet unlicensed future Vertex treatments such as the Vanza Triple, thought to be even better than Kaftrio. Early results show it left children without any signs of CF in their body.

David Ramsden, chief executive of the CF Trust, said: “This is a fantastic moment for many people with CF and their families – ending uncertainty and helping to ensure that everyone who can benefit is able to access these vital medicines. We should not forget though that these treatments are not a cure and simply don’t work for some people. There is still lots more to do.”

John Stewart, NHS England director of specialised commissioning, said: “Thousands of patients including young children will be able to have a much better quality of life whether that is being able to walk to school or ride a bike for the

Crusader...Carlie

Legacy...late CF patient Elle, centre, with sister Cara and mother Becky

COMMENT

BECKY WHITFIELD

Mum-of-two, whose daughter Elle Morris died from CF aged 11 in 2018

WHEN I heard last autumn that new generations of cystic fibrosis patients could be denied these proven, life-saving treatments I was absolutely appalled.

Not only was it frankly cruel to deny little toddlers drugs that older children and adults are already taking but it could create a two-tier health service – those on life-saving pills and those being denied them.

But today’s revelations are such great news for the next generation of CF sufferers – and so reassuring for their families.

The campaigning is so important, to me and for Elle’s legacy, to provide the essential drugs to maintain their health for their future and prevent any damage that CF can cause without these treatments. We did not have that option with our beautiful Elle as it wasn’t available for her due to delays and costs – and we shouldn’t be putting a price on this or delay it due to costs.

As there is no cure, preventative medicine is so important at the minute.

I know Elle will be smiling today at this amazing news and so happy for our CF community.

And we are truly beaming with pride that our relentless campaigning has finally paid off.

Dexter will

By **Chris Riches**

LITTLE Dexter Newton waved his hands with joy yesterday as his thrilled parents celebrated the news he will soon be on CF wonder drug Kaftrio.

Last Christmas, his mum Naomi, 36, and dad Dan, 37, told the Daily Express of their fears Dexter, one, could miss out on life-saving pills due to draft guidance by drug approver Nice that threatened to stop new patients taking them.

But, as the row rumbled on, Dexter was able to start on Vertex’s basic CF drug Orkambi in May – and his health has soared.

Now construction worker Dan, of Selby, North Yorkshire, has revealed his excitement that in a year Dexter will be on Kaftrio and have an even better chance of a life unlimited by the cruel genetic disease.

He said: “As we awaited the final news on these drugs, we were able to get Dexter on Orkambi. And in just a few weeks we have seen a huge change in his health.

“He usually has to take lots of an enzyme supplement called Creon to help his pancreas process the nutrients in his food.

Effective

“But since he’s been on Orkambi he’s only needed half his Creon.

“Now we know Kaftrio is a much more effective drug, we can’t wait to see him start on that when he’s two, which is the minimum age you have to be in the UK to start it.”

Dan added: “We are now so excited for him to start on Kaftrio, as we are for all those that could have been denied the drug by the original Nice draft recommendation.

“Dexter will now have the chance of a full life not restricted by this disease. It’s amazing.”

Dan and Naomi also have a three-year-old son, Parker, who does not have CF. But they were aware of the condition before as Dan’s half-sister Millie, 22, also has it.

Apart from a brief bronchiolitis episode which needed antibiotics, Dexter has so far avoided any nasty lung bugs.

Dan said: “We’ve been really lucky and the local CF team are great.

“But there are 10% of sufferers who are still unable to take any treatments due to having such rare CF genes.

“We will not stop fighting until they are all on life-saving modulators too.”

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now have the chance of a full life

Dexter's delight... the tot and his CF drugs, with Naomi, Dan and Parker and our story last year

first time." He said the deal "gives families security knowing that they will be guaranteed access to these drugs for years to come".

Drugs are appraised via the four UK nations' own bodies but guidance from Nice in England heavily decides the outcomes in the rest.

Once a new treatment has a licence, drug appraisal bodies weigh up the price a company has asked for against clinical data – and recommend whether or not the NHS should make it available.

The NHS is legally obliged to fund drugs that are recommended by these organisations.

Rare

However, if a drug is not recommended, the NHS is not obliged to.

After the campaign by the CF Trust, families and the Express, in October 2019 NHS England agreed the rare interim access deal for all four nations for Vertex's CF drugs. But last autumn Nice said, despite the three drugs being clinically effective, their list price was too high for full-scale, long-term use.

Heartbroken families with CF babies told us their newborns would be denied life-saving drugs while older patients already on the pills would get to stay on them and enjoy full lives. Nice paused its final ruling and urged NHS England and Vertex to thrash out a discounted deal to save current and future lives at good value for taxpayers. Now a deal has secured Vertex's drugs which around 8,000 patients are taking.

The Express will fight until 100% of sufferers have that access – around 1,000 patients have such rare CF mutations that no existing drug works. The remaining 2,000 are either too young for Kaftrio or are awaiting approval to start on it.

Vertex said it is working with NHS chiefs in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to finalise similar deals. Ludovic Fenaux, its senior vice president, said the firm was "delighted" over the England deal and he thanked CF campaigners.

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COMMENT

DAVID RAMSDEN
Chief Executive of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust

THIS news is a culmination of years of campaigning by Cystic Fibrosis Trust and people right across the CF community.

We know this will also end a lot of uncertainty for many families and are delighted everyone in England who is eligible will be able to access these medicines, now and in the future.

We are hopeful to hear news from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in the coming days and are so grateful to the thousands of people affected by cystic fibrosis who have lent their voices and experience to help us all reach this point.

We really couldn't have done it without them.

Looking to the future, the deal also includes any potential upcoming licence extensions issued by UK or US regulators.

Rapid

And a commitment by all parties to work together towards rapid access for all eligible patients for future treatments for cystic fibrosis.

As we mark this moment, we cannot forget that these medicines do not work for everyone and they are not a cure.

Cystic fibrosis is still a lifelong, life-limiting condition that continues to impact the lives of everyone with the condition.

There remains a need for more research to understand what living longer and growing older means for people with cystic fibrosis, treatments that will work for everyone and ongoing support and advice.

We know a lot has been achieved and as we come to the end of Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Week and celebrate Wear Yellow Day today to raise vital funds for life-saving research and support, we can reflect on what is a very special moment for many of those affected.

We won't stop until everyone with cystic fibrosis can truly live a life unlimited. To donate to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust visit: cysticfibrosis.org.uk/donate

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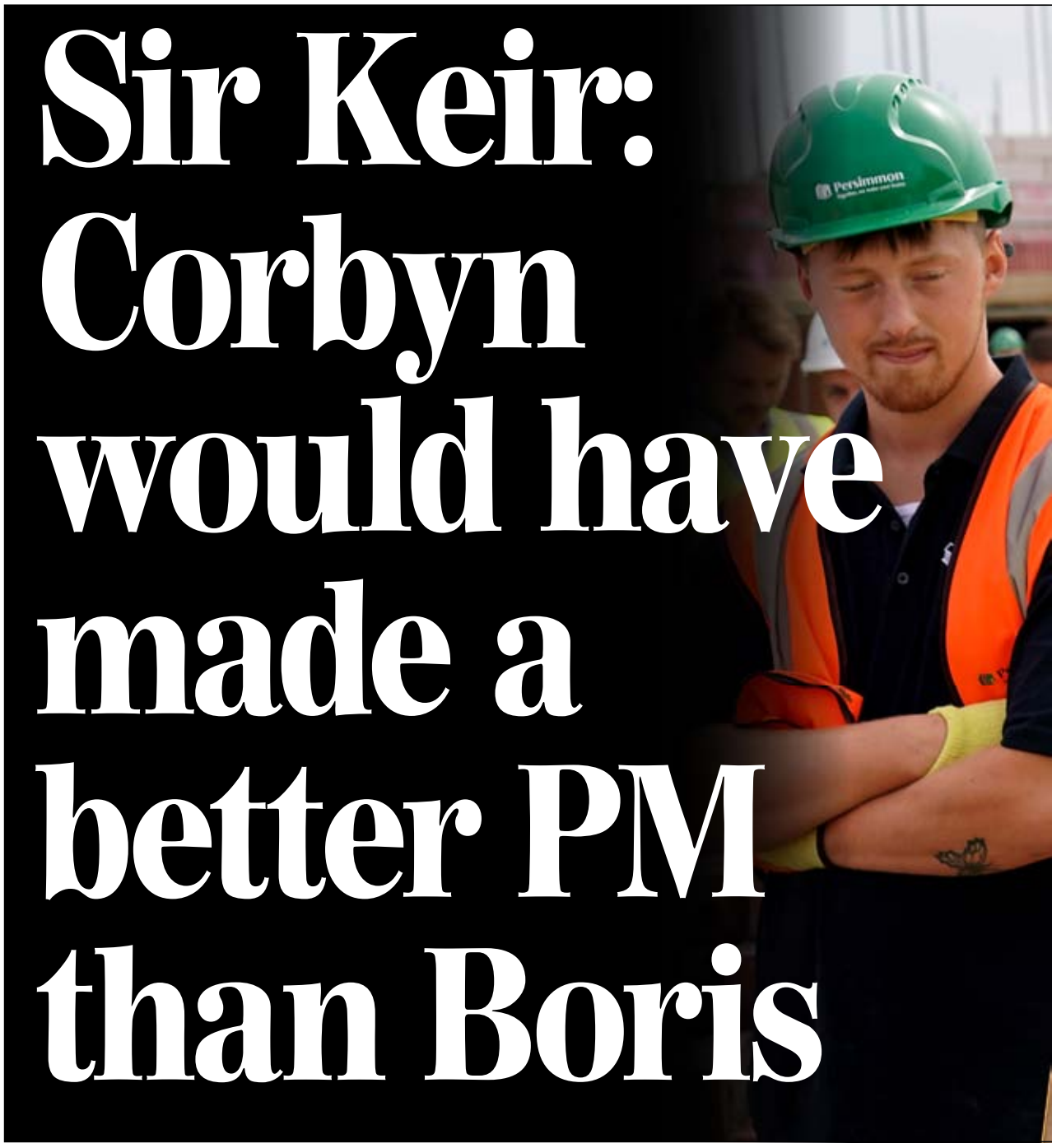
Sir Keir: Corbyn would have made a better PM than Boris



By **Martyn Brown**
Deputy Political Editor

KEIR Starmer last night said Jeremy Corbyn would have made a better Prime Minister than Boris Johnson.

The Labour leader made the extraordinary claim as he was forced to defend his support of the hard-left firebrand.

He was challenged for his repeated support of his predecessor and for claiming he would have made a "great Prime Minister" during last night's BBC Question Time Leaders' Special.

"It wasn't a question that really arose because I didn't think we were going to win the election," Sir Keir said on the programme.

But when host Fiona Bruce asked for a yes or no answer as to whether he meant it, the audience laughed when he didn't give one – and instead said Mr Corbyn would be a better PM than Boris Johnson.

Under intense grilling, a squirming Sir Keir also refused to reveal a number target by which Labour would reduce net migration.

Problem

"We want to get it down significantly. It needs to be balanced immigration so it works for our economy and works for our country," he said. "We need to get it down, but if we are going to do that, we need to understand what the problem is."

Rishi Sunak hailed the UK's economic turnaround under his watch during his 30-minute grilling at the live event in York.

He said inflation falling to 2% was helping to bring "economic stability" to the nation and, because of this, the Conservatives would "continue to cut taxes".

Mr Sunak said: "What Keir Starmer is promising is like what Liz Truss was promising. I was right then and I'm right now."

The PM also said it is time to "make sure we realise all the benefits" of Brexit.

Asked if Brexit had denied young people a future, he said "we had a referendum, it's time to get on".

Liberal Democrat leader Sir Ed Davey was confronted over the Post Office Horizon IT scandal when an audience member asked him: "Are you proud of your conduct when you were Post Office minister?"

Sir Ed has come under fire for failing to do more to help wrongly-convicted subpostmasters when he held the brief in 2010-12 and for initially refusing to meet Alan Bates in 2010.

And he admitted he made "two big mistakes during that time", including failing to meet the campaigner and not seeing through Post Office assurances that Mr Bates's assertions were not true.

Sir Ed said: "I'm sorry for not seeing through those lies. There were many ministers of all political parties during this 20-year period who didn't see through those lies."

SNP leader John Swinney said his party had faced "difficulties" in the wake of the Nicola Sturgeon scandal but said his party was delivering through its programme of eradicating child poverty, the transition to net zero, strengthening the economy and improving public services.

The TV special came after Sir Keir's flagship environmental policies also came under attack yesterday – when he was forced to deny claims by members of his own party that Labour is willing to build new homes on greenbelt land.

Flatten

The PM had gone online to highlight an article from the Politico website, which quoted a Labour official as saying: "I don't care if we flatten the whole green belt, we just need more houses in this country."

Mr Sunak wrote in a post on X: "Good to finally get Labour's real views on Britain's green belt."

When Sir Keir, who was visiting a building site in York, was asked about the remarks, he insisted: "No, that wasn't Labour Party officials. That wasn't Labour Party policy."

And in another blow to Sir Keir, billionaire Sir Jim Ratcliffe branded Labour's plan to decarbonise Britain by the end of 2030 "absurd".

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'Tories are effective opposition'

By **Martyn Brown**

THE Chancellor has urged people not to vote for Reform UK as Labour will need an "effective opposition" in Parliament if it wins the election.

Jeremy Hunt is the latest senior Conservative to publicly acknowledge his party could be on course for defeat.

It comes as recent polls indicate Labour could be set for a "super majority".

Nigel Farage's return as Reform UK leader is partly to blame, sucking support from the Tories.

Mr Hunt told the BBC: "I think it's very important if Labour win, that they have an effective opposition in Parliament."

In his own constituency, he admitted he faced a "knife-edge" battle with the Liberal Democrats to win the new Godalming and Ash seat in Surrey.

It follows comments by Pensions Secretary Mel Stride who said opinion polls suggested Labour was heading towards "the largest majority virtually in the history of this country".

'More boats will launch under Keir'

By **Steph Spyro**

A LABOUR government would be a "pull factor" in driving up illegal arrivals, Michael Gove has insisted.

Nearly 900 migrants crossed the Channel in small boats on Tuesday in a new daily high for this year amid calm conditions.

The Cabinet minister cautioned: "A Labour government with the prospect of an effective amnesty...will undoubtedly be a pull factor for greater migration and... more lives will be put at risk."

The Housing Secretary, who is stepping down at the election, also identified as "a Boris fan" yesterday, calling the former prime minister a "force for good" in his party, despite him reportedly flying off on his second summer holiday this week, until July 3.

Praising his columns and social media activity, he said: "Boris has the right to a private life as well."

Mr Gove also admitted that the "period between Boris and Rishi" knocked his party's reputation for economic management.

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ANALYSIS

MICHAEL KNOWLES
Home Affairs Editor

"SIR Keir, did you think Jeremy Corbyn would make a great Prime Minister?"

The BBC Question Time audience laughed as the Labour leader, time and again, squirmed and danced around the question of whether he supported the veteran hard-Left leader's bid to move into No10. This is a serious question concerning whether voters can trust Sir Keir.

Mr Corbyn's plans would have been a disaster for Britain. So how can we not know, under two weeks out, if the leader of the Labour Party truly supported these plans? Because if he didn't, why did he tell us Mr Corbyn would be so good? And if he did, that's an alarming indication of what the Labour Party may mean for the UK.

Rishi Sunak, meanwhile, distanced himself from his predecessor and told the nation how he repeatedly argued against Liz Truss's economic plans.

Then an exasperated student rolled her eyes as Sir Keir justified abandoning a central pledge of his Labour leadership challenge to abolish tuition fees. There's a theme developing here, isn't there? Then he was heckled for refusing to put a number on net migration to the UK.

Stunts

After Sir Keir said every politician who had set targets had failed, the audience member very correctly stated: "That's not a reason is it?"

Show host Fiona Bruce politely reminded Sir Keir he needed to answer the questions rather than delivering his political messaging.

And on another issue where the Labour leader has flip-flopped – on the issue of "what is a woman" – a member of the audience said: "What do you believe now and how can we trust you will stick to your views?"

Meanwhile, after weeks of ridiculous stunts, Lib Dem leader Sir Ed Davey finally began to act like the head of a major political party.

However, within seconds, he was having to convince everyone he wouldn't bankrupt Britain. Sir Ed frankly seemed like a man returning to work after a few weeks off.

He spent most of his segment on the back foot, defending his record in the Coalition and whether he could be trusted on promises he makes.

And, in perhaps a sign of how his campaign is going, he had to explain why it wasn't "horseplay on TV".

'I'll boot out anyone found to have broken the rules'

By **Christian Calgie**

RISHI Sunak said anyone found to have broken rules will be "booted out" of the Tory party amid the election bets scandal.

On BBC One's Question Time special last night, the Prime Minister said he was "incredibly angry" to learn of the claims of betting on the date of the election, and that anyone found to have transgressed "should face the full force of the law".

The PM's campaign was thrown into fresh turmoil as the Conservatives' director of campaigning Tony Lee took a leave of absence amid reports he and his wife Laura Saunders – the Tory candidate in Bristol North West – are being investigated by the Gambling Commission.

Earlier this week it emerged that one of Mr Sunak's police protection officers was arrested following an allegation over bets. And last week his parliamentary aide Craig Williams – who is standing in Montgomeryshire and Glyndwr – admitted he was being investigated by the regulator.

A Tory HQ source told the Express the news about Mr Lee was "very disappointing". Cabinet minister Michael Gove admitted the situation "doesn't look great" for the party.

Ex-party leader Sir Iain Duncan Smith said if any Tory figures had been placing illicit bets, they were "incredibly stupid and venal".

A party spokesman said: "We have been contacted by the Gambling Commission about a small number of individuals. As it is an independent body, it wouldn't be proper to comment further, until any process is concluded."

The commission said: "We are investigating the possibility of offences concerning the date of the election. This is an ongoing investigation and we cannot provide any further details at this time."

Last night Ms Saunders' solicitors said she will be co-operating with the Gambling Commission, and was considering legal action against the BBC, which revealed she was being investigated. Labour and the Liberal Democrats want the Tories to suspend Ms Saunders and Mr Williams.

Meanwhile, the Conservative Party has told candidates in seats with majorities in the tens of thousands they are having their resources and funding pulled. These will go instead on shoring up support in seats with even larger majorities. They include the PM's Richmond and Northallerton seat, where he had a majority of over 27,000.

Allegations... Tony Lee and Laura Saunders

'Committed'...Nancy Faeser

Police detain suspected Isis terrorist in Germany

By **Paul Jeeves**

AN Iraqi man suspected of being "on standby" to commit a terrorist attack for Isis has been detained in Germany.

The arrest came just hours after security officials warned of the threat of extremists during the Euros.

The suspect, who has been named as Mahmoud A, in line with German privacy rules, was stopped in the town of Esslingen, near Stuttgart, where Scotland is playing Hungary on Sunday.

He was arrested on suspicion of preparing a terrorist attack. Police said he moved to Germany in October 2022, six years after he allegedly became affiliated to Isis, in 2016.

Meanwhile, an Isis-linked propaganda network, known for trying to incite terror attacks on cities hosting Euro 2024, has been dismantled by authorities.

Crosshairs

Spanish police said they carried out a series of arrests nationwide after discovering a multimedia service called I'Lam Foundation, said to be a mouthpiece of Islamic State.

The platform is accused of calling for attacks on the football tournament, as well as on Real Madrid footballers and supporters and the Paris Olympics.

In Germany, interior minister Nancy Faeser said Mahmoud A's arrest showed the country's commitment to eradicating the threat from Isis. She added: "Our security authorities are extremely vigilant, follow every tip-off and strike hard to protect our country."

But at a press conference in Berlin yesterday, her department warned that Germany was "in the crosshairs of jihadist organisations, in particular Isis and Isis-K".

Thomas Haldenwang, head of Germany's domestic intelligence agency BfV, said: "A possible scenario is a large-scale, co-ordinated attack of the kind we recently saw in Moscow."

Lacklustre Lions

From **Zak Garner-Purkis** in Frankfurt and **Giles Sheldrick**

ENGLAND failed to put on a royal command performance as they were stifled by Denmark in front of the watching Prince of Wales.

William, alongside 30,000 fans and pop star Ed Sheeran in the Frankfurt Arena, had hoped to see the Three Lions roar and seal their place in the last 16 yesterday.

Instead, Gareth Southgate's men stuttered to a disappointing 1-1 draw. They remain top of their group, with four points, and in a good position to qualify for the knockout stages.

But the performance was unconvincing and the Prince, who is president of the Football Association, and the nation's fans will have to hold their collective breath when England take on Slovenia in the final group clash on Tuesday.

Some supporters booed England off at full-time. And former Three Lions captain Alan Shearer, working as a pundit for the BBC, was also less than impressed with the team.

He said: "You can see players lying on their backs – they look absolutely shattered, the England players. There's no excuse for that.

"There was no energy, no pace to the game. We didn't run in behind until the last 10 or 15 minutes, we got caught too many times on the ball, too many sloppy passes and, in truth, Denmark were the better team and deserved to win. But you get a point, lots of improvement to be made."

Roar talent...costumed fans head to stadium

Earlier, the animated and suited heir to the throne was seen gesticulating wildly after skipper Harry Kane fired in after 18 minutes.

William jumped out of his VIP seat – next to a tie-less Frederik X, the King of Denmark – and punched the air in passionate celebration.

But Denmark, winners of the tournament in 1992, equalised 16 minutes later through Morten Hjulmand.

There were also frowns aplenty from England's watching WAGs.

Kane admitted the result was "frustrating" but added that there was "time to improve".

England have now slipped back to third favourites to win the tournament with some bookies, with France now leading the market and hosts Germany second favourites.

Back home, millions of fans had knocked off early, or worked from home, in a scramble to grab a good viewing position.

Pubs and fan parks were packed or sold-out in a welcome boost for the hospitality sector.

But as a listless second half wore on, many headed home early, with one supporter saying: "A big improvement is required.

"There were some seriously miserable faces watching that."

Expectations were high before kick-off on another glorious June evening as good-natured revelry brought a party atmosphere to towns and cities.

Thousands squeezed into Box Parks in locations including Croydon, Leeds, Leicester, Liverpool and Exeter.

There was a cacophony of noise in Croydon when Kane scored, but those celebrations soon turned sour.

Meanwhile, in Germany, a day that began with England fans leaping in fountains ended with them talking among themselves.

Unlike in the opening game in Gelsenkirchen, there was no pre-game trouble to spoil the festival vibe. England's disappointing performance managed to do that. Significantly, more supporters had followed the Three Lions to Frankfurt as excitement in the Euros continues to build.

The night before kick-off things got a little feisty, with three arrests after Three Lions fans fought each other.

But with effective policing from the German authorities, there was rarely the feeling that the situation might boil over into disorder.

Fans might have woken up with hangovers but they were soon lifted by sunshine and excitement for the game.

However, a flat, lifeless display by Southgate's side was soon generating groans from the thousands of England supporters who had packed into Frankfurt's picturesque fan park overlooking the River Main.

The Three Lions faithful were just chatting to each other by the midpoint of the second half as

Cheer we go... supporters at Frankfurt Arena

Just the job ...toasting the opener in Birmingham

On target... Harry Kane

AT EURO 2024

frustration for fans

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Sore point...fans in Birmingham and Croydon, left

Excitement... Prince William punches air at goal. Below, thumbs up

they digested the below-par fare. They were barely able to muster jeers as England struggled to conjure openings and chances.

And by the time the final whistle sounded there was a hearty boo before the crowds flooded out to drown their sorrows.

Fans had been warned not to cool off by leaping into the water before the game.

But, given the sombre mood which descended by evening, there was little chance of anyone taking another dip in the fountain, let alone bothering the river.

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Wig moment...fans in Frankfurt. Left, Ed Sheeran at the match

Ready to watch...Mike Ward

TV REVIEW

MIKE WARD
Daily Express TV Editor

"GOOD Lord!" cries my wife. "Why on earth are you wearing that flag? You look like one of those blokes who chucks cafe furniture at the riot police."

I explain it's either this or I buy one of those England replica shirts, which retail for roughly the price of a fortnight in Fuerteventura.

Of course, the team in actual St George's colours today isn't England (has our first-choice kit ever been red and white?) but Denmark.

Still, I'm fine with that as I see them as no threat.

Yes, I've decided to be Mr Crazily Optimistic.

Pundits Rio Ferdinand and Micah Richards also fancy our chances. Micah, the more wary one, predicts: "England will get over the line." Rio, the more bullish, cries: "Two-nil England!"

Lethargic

"One-nil to Denmark!" says Brentford boss Thomas Frank. Yes he's Danish, but why did they hire this guy? For balance? Since when did the BBC care about balance?

Thomas eats his words within 18 minutes, silenced by our skipper Harry Kane.

The goal "should give them great confidence", reckons Alan Shearer.

Sixteen minutes later, Denmark equalise (yes, Rio's guess was rubbish as well).

Half-time finds the pundits frustrated. Our players, they complain, are "too deep". I think this means tactically, not philosophically. Maybe it's both.

The second half? More of the same. Shearer is using words like "slow" and "lethargic". In the 69th minute, Gareth Southgate brings on three fresh players. He must take three off, including Captain Harry.

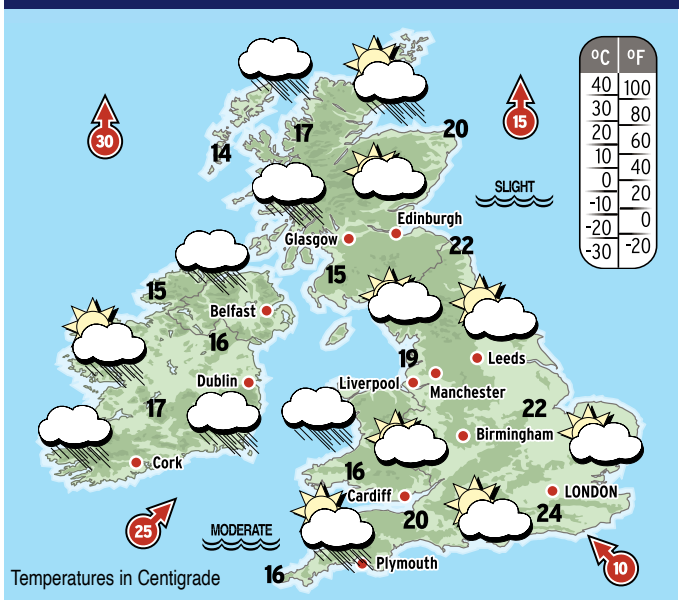
Might Southgate's tactical move be a literal game-changer? It might indeed.

But it isn't. We're lucky to come away with a point.

"Still full of optimism?" my wife inquires.

I must admit, I'm flagging.

WEATHER FORECAST



Today's summary: Mainly dry with sunny spells

North West: Sunny spells during the morning, but cloudy with patchy rain later. Fresh southerly winds. High 20C (68F).

Northern Ireland: Dull and wet with rain or drizzle, mainly light and patchy. Moderate southerly winds. High 16C (61F).

Wales: Dry with sunny spells but turning cloudy with rain later. Moderate south-westerly winds. High 21C (70F).

Midlands: Sunny spells but with the risk of an isolated shower later. Moderate south-westerly winds. High 21C (70F).

North East/Yorks: Sunny periods, although there is the chance of a shower later. Gentle south-westerly winds. High 22C (72F).

Scotland: Sunny spells but clouds will thicken bringing rain later. Gentle southerly winds. High 19C (66F).

East Anglia: Sunny periods, but there is the chance of a shower later. Gentle south-easterly winds. High 22C (72F).

London/South East: Sunny spells but with the risk of an isolated shower later. Moderate westerly winds. High 24C (75F).

South: Dry with sunny intervals and variable amounts of cloud. Moderate south-westerly winds. High 21C (70F).

South West: Mainly dry during the morning but heavy rain later. Brisk south-westerly winds. High 20C (68F).

Channel Isles: Dry and bright with sunshine but also patchy cloud. Freshening south-westerly winds. High 18C (64F).

Sea: North Sea: Moderate. Irish Sea: Rough. Channel: Moderate.

UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW: Bright with periods of sunshine and variable amounts of patchy cloud. A threat of showers which will be light and mostly during the morning.

SIX-DAY FORECAST Temperatures in Centigrade

	SAT min	SAT max	SUN min	SUN max	MON min	MON max	TUE min	TUE max	WED min	WED max	THU min	THU max
London	12	23	15	24	15	26	16	27	16	28	16	26
Belfast	13	18	14	20	14	22	14	21	13	21	14	22
Birmingham	11	21	15	22	15	24	15	25	14	25	15	24
Cardiff	12	19	14	21	14	23	15	25	14	26	15	24
Glasgow	13	18	13	18	14	20	15	22	13	22	14	22
Manchester	11	19	14	21	16	24	16	25	15	25	16	23
Newcastle	12	20	12	21	15	24	14	23	13	21	14	21
Norwich	12	21	15	23	13	24	15	23	16	24	15	24
Plymouth	12	18	13	19	13	20	15	23	14	22	14	21

Britain yesterday

24 hours to 5pm	SUN (hrs)	RAIN (ins)	TEMP (min)	TEMP (max)		SUN (hrs)	RAIN (ins)	TEMP (min)	TEMP (max)
Aberdeen	12.2	0.00	11	17	Glasgow	4.4	0.00	9	18
Aberporth	9.1	0.00	6	17	Hull	5.9	0.00	9	21
Alnwick	8.6	0.00	10	17	Ipswich	14.0	0.00	6	19
Belfast	5.2	0.00	11	18	Leeds	6.5	0.00	8	23
Birmingham	6.4	0.00	9	21	Lincoln	11.0	0.00	9	22
B'mouth	14.6	0.00	7	22	London	12.0	0.00	10	24
Bristol	9.7	0.00	11	21	Manchester	7.6	0.00	8	22
Cardiff	8.7	0.00	12	20	Oxford	13.1	0.00	9	22
Durham	9.7	0.00	10	22	S'hampton	13.0	0.00	11	26
Edinburgh	2.8	0.00	11	18	St Andrews	4.9	0.00	9	18

Moon, sun and tides

MOON rises: 9.44pm, sets: 3.24am
SUN rises London: 4.43am, sets: 9.21pm
Manchester rises: 4.39am, sets: 9.42pm

Full Moon 22 June

HIGH TIDE

London B'ge	(1.57am), (2.22pm)
Liverpool	(11.26am), (11.45pm)
Greenock	(12.41am), (12.35pm)
Dover	(11.22am), (11.37pm)

Britain Extremes:

(24 hours to 2pm yesterday)

Warmest: St. James's Park 23C (73F)
Coldest: Santon Downham 4C (39F)
Wettest: Baltasound 0.09in.
Sunniest: Valley 14.5hr.

Lighting-up times

Belfast	10.03pm-4.47am	Glasgow	10.06pm-4.31am
Birmingham	9.34pm-4.44am	London	9.21pm-4.43am
Bristol	9.31pm-4.53am	Manchester	9.42pm-4.40am
		Newcastle	9.49pm-4.27am

Europe forecast

Today			Tomorrow		
Amsterdam	Showers	20C/68F	Amsterdam	Fair	19C/66F
Brussels	Rain	20C/68F	Brussels	Rain	20C/68F
Dublin	Rain	18C/64F	Dublin	Cloudy	20C/68F
Frankfurt	Thunder	23C/73F	Frankfurt	Thunder	21C/70F
Geneva	Thunder	22C/72F	Geneva	Thunder	19C/66F
Lisbon	Fair	25C/77F	Lisbon	Sunny	27C/81F
Madrid	Fair	28C/82F	Madrid	Sunny	31C/88F
Paris	Thunder	22C/72F	Paris	Thunder	20C/68F
Rome	Sunny	32C/90F	Rome	Sunny	29C/84F

Around the world yesterday

		C	F			C	F			C	F
Amsterdam	Fair	18	64	Hong Kong	Fair	30	86	New York	Sunny	32	90
Athens	Sunny	36	97	Istanbul	Sunny	30	86	Nice	Shwrs	26	79
Barcelona	Shwrs	21	70	Jersey	Sunny	19	66	Nicosia	Sunny	37	99
Berlin	Sunny	20	68	Larnaca	Sunny	32	90	Perth	Sunny	17	63
Budapest	Sunny	30	86	Las Palmas	Fair	26	79	Prague	Fair	19	66
Cairo	Sunny	34	93	Los Angeles	Sunny	22	72	Singapore	Thndr	28	82
Cape Town	Sunny	15	59	Luxor	Sunny	41	106	Stockholm	Sunny	21	70
Casablanca	Fair	22	72	Malaga	Sunny	26	79	Sydney	Sunny	14	57
Corfu	Sunny	34	93	Mallorca	Fair	26	79	Tel Aviv	Sunny	31	88
Dublin	Fair	18	64	Malta	Sunny	34	93	Tenerife	Sunny	25	77
Dubrovnik	Sunny	32	90	Melbourne	Fair	11	52	Toronto	Fair	30	86
Faro	Sunny	21	70	Miami	Shwrs	31	88	Tunis	Sunny	37	99
Florence	Fair	30	86	Moscow	Thndr	23	73	Venice	Sunny	28	82
Gibraltar	Fair	23	73	Nairobi	Shwrs	20	68	Vienna	Sunny	23	73
Guernsey	Sunny	17	63	New Delhi	Sunny	35	95	Warsaw	Fair	20	68

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King grins even

Faces at the races.. actress Celia Imrie and below, football's Michael Owen

By **Emily Ferguson** Royal Editor

THE King was all smiles at Royal Ascot yesterday even though his thoroughbred failed to secure him a first win of the racing week.

Charles, 75 – who was not at the Berkshire course on Wednesday as he held audiences at Buckingham Palace – led the Royal Family presence at Day 3 of the event.

While the King wore his staple grey morning suit and black top hat, Camilla, 76, opted for a white silk crepe Dior dress, Philip Treacy hat and the late Queen Elizabeth II's jade and diamond brooch.

It was another big royal turnout as the family continued to put on a united front.

Among the royals invited to take part in yesterday's carriage procession were the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Zara and Mike Tindall, Princess Anne and her husband Vice Admiral Sir Timothy Laurence and the late Princess Margaret's children the Earl of Snowdon and Lady Sarah Chatto.

Carriage arrival... Princess Anne

Zara, who has been dubbed the "royal hugger" for her affectionate nature at Ascot this week, looked delighted to join in the day out.

The sporty Tindalls have attended every day of the races so far, but yesterday was the first time they arrived by carriage.

Elsewhere, glamorous racegoers continued to set the fashion pace in vibrant frocks and eye-catching head-gear.

One wore an impressive balloon-themed headpiece while another had a replica owl up top.

The King and Queen watched their horse Gilded Water compete in the King George V stakes but, much to Camilla's frustration, the gelding was well back in 12th.

The couple's disappointment did not last long and they were soon seen smiling and laughing in the royal box before they presented trophies to the winners in the feature race of the week, the Gold Cup.

Kyprios, ridden by Ryan Moore, became a two-time winner of the 2.5-miler, narrowly defeating William Buick who was aboard Trawlerman.

Among the celebrities presenting prizes were actress Celia Imrie, Blackadder star Tim McInnerny and property expert and TV presenter Sarah Beeny.

Charles and Camilla tasted Ascot success last year as Desert Hero – bred by his late mother – cantered to victory in the King George V Stakes. The thoroughbred is aiming for a repeat performance in the Group Two Hardwicke Stakes tomorrow. The King also has Hard to Resist in the Sandringham Stakes today and Treasure in the Golden Gates Stakes tomorrow.

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Feather so quirky..Ascot headgear also featured balloons and flowers

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as his horse fails to win

Happy family day out... Camilla and the Duchess of Edinburgh, in the Royal Box, joined King Charles

What a hoot...an owl, flowers and foliage starred on wacky hats at Ascot yesterday

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Hard-fought CF drugs victory will save lives

A VICTORY five years in the making will bring hope to cystic fibrosis sufferers across the nation. Life-changing drugs will be available on the NHS.

A deal with pharmaceutical giant Vertex follows years of campaigning by the Daily Express and means that nobody who would benefit from the wonder drugs will be denied them. We are delighted that NHS England and Vertex thrashed out a deal.

Lives will be saved and families will be spared sorrow. It is hugely encouraging that, together with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence, they have agreed to work together on the delivery of a new triple therapy.

We hope arrangements to ensure similar provision of the drugs in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are nailed down without delay. Work must continue to find a true cure for CF. The scientists who strived for this breakthrough are heroes, as are the parents who care for children with the condition. Future drugs will unlock a better world – and these must be available free at the point of need.

Defend the green belt

THE world flocks to visit this nation because our green and pleasant land is unique. Our countryside is a shining treasure we must protect for future generations. One of the joys of living here is that millions of town and city-dwellers can easily escape the concrete jungle at the weekend and explore verdant landscapes.

Our green belt policies have stopped our rural landscapes becoming urban sprawl. Now this vital protection is under threat from the Labour Party. Less than a year ago in his party conference speech, Sir Keir Starmer pledged to "bulldoze" through a "restrictive planning system".

Labour has now had to deny claims it is willing to "flatten the green belt" to build new homes. Yes, the country needs many new houses but there are derelict swathes of our cities that could blossom into communities. Sir Keir must not be allowed to pour concrete over our fields and valleys.

Now our Lions must roar

A CHARACTER in Hamlet observes that "something is rotten in the state of Denmark". But after yesterday's Euros match against the Danes, fans might worry about the state of the England team.

The side has players touched with genius, but a troubling deficit of mojo was on display in Frankfurt.

This game should not have ended in a draw. It is vital Gareth Southgate puts fire in the team's bellies before next Tuesday's encounter with Slovenia in Cologne.

Loyal England fans who journeyed to the stadium deserved to see a much better performance than the one delivered.

Our lads must raise their game.

We face years of being effectively a one-party state

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PAINTING TOWN RED: System's emphasis on geography will benefit Keir Starmer

Ross Clark
Political commentator

THIRTEEN years ago, Britain held a referendum about our voting system. At the behest of the Liberal Democrats, then in a coalition government with the Tories, Parliament posed whether we should scrap the first-past-the-post electoral system in favour of the alternative vote, which would have counted second preferences.

The then prime minister David Cameron, who had already rejected the case for full proportional representation, stridently opposed any change and won comfortably by a majority of two thirds to one.

But, oh, how the Conservatives may be left ruing that decision in a couple of weeks' time. Latest polls suggest the party may not even emerge from this election as His Majesty's Opposition. One poll from Savanta and Electoral Calculus predicts the Tories will emerge with just 53 seats, three ahead of the Lib Dems.

Any worse and it will be Ed Davey taking his position at the despatch box opposite Keir Starmer for the first Prime Minister's Questions, while most senior surviving Tories find themselves sitting way down the chamber.

Rishi Sunak may not be among them – the Savanta prediction has even him losing what was previously a solid Conservative seat. The same analysis puts Labour with 516 seats and the largest majority in modern history.

YOU could be forgiven for concluding Starmer and his party are wildly popular, but that's far from true. Like the Conservatives, Labour have been steadily losing support during this campaign. Some polls have the party on 37 per cent, less than Jeremy Corbyn won in 2017.

While Margaret Thatcher and Tony Blair both won large majorities on less than half the popular vote, we could soon end up with a Parliament where governing party and opposition between them have the support of fewer than 50 per cent of the population.

Our electoral system not only makes it difficult for minor parties to win seats – it punishes parties whose support is too widely or narrowly geographically spread. Labour should do well, as it nudges over the line in dozens of constituencies.

The Conservatives, by contrast, will keep falling short, constituency after constituency. The Lib Dems will do relatively well as their support is focused in parts of the South West, middle-class suburban areas and parts of Northern Scotland. As for Reform UK, it looks as if it could come second in the popular vote – and yet still end up with few if any seats.

Sunak and his party aside, the big election loser may be democracy itself. A Starmer government with 500 or more seats could treat public opinion with contempt. It would not fear opposition parties or its own backbenchers, who would be too numerous to stage an effective revolt on any issue.

I appreciate many voters are fed up with the Conservatives and want a change. They have every reason to feel that way, given the Government's failure to deliver on so many promises.

But few former Conservative voters, I suspect, will be pleased by a Labour government blind to conservative points of view. Neither will many diehard Labour voters, as a Starmer government inevitably centralises power. Many will yearn for the chaotic days of Corbyn's leadership.

I am not a fan of proportional representation. I believe our representatives should be forced to seek personal approval. The kind of party list system we used to have in the European Parliament elections does not allow us to pass judgment on individual MPs, either punishing them for poor behaviour or rewarding them when they have gone out of their way to campaign on a specific issue.

But some kind of transferrable vote system seems sensible. It would eliminate the situation we have at the moment, where the conservative vote is split between the Conservatives and Reform UK, allowing Labour candidates to creep through.

HOW, though, will we ever get reform when the party in power benefits from the current system? Why would Starmer do away with something which has just handed him a majority of over 200?

However, a super-majority doesn't necessarily mean Labour remains in power for decades. I can see a deeply unpopular Starmer government facing the same kind of collapse as the Tories in years to come.

Indeed, the absence of effective parliamentary opposition will surely hasten Labour's undoing as it insulates ministers from criticism and invites hubris. But, in the meantime, we face years of being effectively a one-party state.

'The big loser of this election may be democracy itself'

Leo McKinstry

Voters sick of Tory gruel opt for bland fare

THIS has to be one of the strangest ever British elections.

Labour stands on the verge of by far the greatest landslide ever, perhaps winning over 500 seats, a benchmark never previously attained.

Yet there is little enthusiasm for Labour, in contrast to the sweeping victories of 1945 and 1997, when the mood of the country was optimistic.

As for Starmer, his approval ratings are far behind Blair's in 1997, while both he and his Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves sound oddly defensive and cautious in interviews.

The fact that they are so far ahead while being so unimpressive is a savage indictment of the Tory government.

IT IS exactly 50 years since the last of the E-type Jaguars rolled off the production line at Coventry in June 1974. By then, it had already secured its place in history as an icon of British engineering, through its combination of high performance and captivating aesthetics, reflected in its sleek aerodynamic lines.

The legendary Italian driver and entrepreneur Enzo Ferrari once called it "the most beautiful car in the world".

In the late 1960s, I had the thrill of owning an E-type, though sadly it was only a Corgi model.

Eroded Brit identity's doomed with Labour

AMID the gloom of their miserable election campaign, Tory strategists saw a rare chink of light in the news this week that the inflation rate has finally fallen to its official target of 2 per cent. But any sense of relief among Conservative campaigners was diluted by the release of another vital set of figures.

At the very moment of the welcome inflation announcement on Wednesday morning, the Home Office revealed that the number of illegal migrants who had crossed the English Channel the previous day had reached 882. It was a profoundly depressing total that exposed the emptiness of all the ministerial rhetoric about stopping the small boats.

Far from shrinking, the illicit trade in human cargo is increasing, with Channel crossings up 18 per cent on this time last year and up 5 per cent on 2022, when the previous record was set.

This humiliating farce is just one aspect of a wider institutional failure on border controls. Throughout their 14 years in office, Conservative ministers have repeatedly pledged to reduce levels of legal migration to Britain, but just the opposite has happened.

In the last year alone, 1.4 million new arrivals settled here. More than one in six residents of the United Kingdom were born overseas, just as entire cities and towns such as London, Slough and Birmingham now have non-white majorities.

The explosion in our population has put the civic infrastructure under intolerable strain. Soaring demand helps to explain why the NHS, sewage management, welfare system and supply of affordable housing all remain mired in crisis.

Contrary to the hollow propaganda of the open border brigade, the vast, unceasing influx of newcomers has undermined economic growth, since people from migrant communities are more likely than British-born people to be unemployed or dependent on welfare. On a deeper level, our sense of identity and solidarity is being eroded by the social revolution, which has been imposed on the public without any democratic mandate.

The unprecedented scale of the upheaval has been used ruthlessly by Left-wing ideologues and self-loathing agitators to impose a destructive anti-British agenda, where our national culture is trashed and heritage denigrated. Instead of concentrating on the delivery of services, corporate Britain is engaged in a gigantic exercise to indoctrinate its workforce and the public in the new woke orthodoxy through measures such as training in "unconscious bias", combating "white privilege" and "decolonising" institutions.

Only last week, a so-called "diversity audit" at Liverpool University was reported to have urged action "to problematise and decentre whiteness". It's bad enough this kind of dogmatic activity should be happening under the Tories, but the culture war will be fought with a new intensity if Labour takes power. Suspicion of nationhood and patriotism has long been accompanied by an enthusiasm for immigration on the Left.

It was Tony Blair's government, after all, that not only opened the floodgates to mass immigration but also inspired the creation of the huge diversity industry through equality and human rights legislation.

There will be even more of this under Sir Keir Starmer. His government plans to introduce a new Race Equality Act which will enshrine ethnic pay audits, promote further diversity in the school curriculum and, according to one recent report, ensure "black-led businesses" will be given "more support to procure lucrative government contracts".

Labour will also establish a new, tighter definition of Islamophobia, where according to its own policy papers, even "objecting to the presence of mosques or Koranic scriptures", or denouncing "immigration from Muslim majority countries", would become offences. In effect, blasphemy laws will be back, with a chilling impact on free speech.

Sir Keir may pose as a moderate but in reality his premiership would be a bonanza for lawyers, race bureaucrats and Islamist zealots – and a recipe for division in society.

TED TALK... AND DANCE: TV's Adrian Dunbar and Stephanie J Block star in Kiss Me, Kate

Picture: MICHAEL WHARLEY

Adrian's talent exceeds duty of TV line learning

MY FELLOW Northern Irishman Adrian Dunbar is winning rave reviews for his invigorating performance in the West End musical Kiss Me, Kate.

There has been widespread surprise that Dunbar, who plays the stern, incorruptible police chief Ted Hastings in the smash hit BBC series Line Of Duty, should turn out to be such a good singer, comedian and dancer.

But all these forms of entertainment require the gifts to interpret a line, master timing and inhabit a character.

Dunbar joins a long roll-call of versatile stars, including Cher, Barbra Streisand, Kevin Spacey, Frank Sinatra and Jimmy Cagney who have done so.

It should be remembered that comic genius Sir Ken Dodd was also a Shakespearean actor and wonderful singer, who in 1965 kept the Beatles from the No 1 spot in the charts with his haunting rendition of the song Tears For Souvenirs, delivered in his rich, pitch-perfect baritone.

FASCISM JIBES AT FARAGE PUT TOO MUCH CREDENCE IN MOVEMENT'S POWER HERE

A BOMBSHELL poll on Wednesday put Reform UK on 24 per cent, nine points ahead of the Tories. The dramatic rise of Nigel Farage's party has led to predictable parrot cries from his deranged opponents about "fascism on the march".

Such hyperbolic language is grotesque nonsense. The pretence that Farage is some kind of extremist simply for wanting our country to be independent and to have control of our borders illustrates how far the centre of gravity in British politics has shifted to the Left.

Only this week, it was reported that Muslim entrepreneur Zia Yusuf has given Reform its largest ever donation – hardly the sign of a party mired in bigotry. But in truth, the term "fascist" is grossly overused. This foul doctrine has never had any appeal in Britain.

In fact, there have only been two occasions in our modern history when fascism had any impact here. The first was when the egotistical aristocrat Sir Oswald Mosley, who had entered Parliament in 1918 as a Tory before defecting to Labour, set up the British Union of Fascists in 1932. Within two years, they had reportedly attracted 50,000 members. They then went into decline due to revulsion at their support for Nazism and association with violence.

The BUF's role should not be exaggerated. Throughout the 1930s, they never even won a local council seat, never mind one in the Commons. Perhaps more serious was the creation in 1972 of the sinister Ulster Vanguard movement, led by the hardline Unionist politician William Craig, who was drawn to the idea of independence for Northern Ireland.

With the Troubles at their peak, the Vanguard held vast, open-air rallies that featured salutes, guards of honour, flags, uniformed security and inflammatory speeches. Craig himself spoke of the need to "liquidate the enemy".

Yet in 1975 his sudden, maverick call for power-sharing with the nationalists tore Vanguard apart and ended his own, unedifying political career.

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Forget the Doctor, Jenna will need a midwife

By **Zasha Whiteway-Wilkinson**

JENNA Coleman is the definition of an earth mother in a green floral-print dress – as she displays her baby bump for the first time.

The former Doctor Who star, 38, announced she is having her first child in style at a Chatsworth House exhibition opening.

She joined the British fashion designer Erdem – while wearing one of his green and black creations – at his Derbyshire show, inspired by the late socialite Deborah Cavendish on Wednesday.

Jenna had not previously hinted at being pregnant on social media.

It follows speculation that she tied the knot with director partner Jamie Childs, 35, who works on Netflix show The Sandman, in which Jenna has a recurring role.

Blackpool-born Jenna – who dated the Bodyguard actor Richard Madden from 2011 to 2015 – is soon due to star in four-part BBC crime drama The Jetty.

Erdem's exhibition runs until October 20 at the stately home.

Going green... star Jenna Coleman displays her baby bump and, inset, in crime drama The Jetty

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'Please let him go'...mum fears Tenerife teen was abducted

By **Paul Jeeves** Crime Editor

THE mother of missing teenager Jay Slater has urged anyone that may be holding him hostage to "please let him go".

Mountain rescue crews and sniffer dogs plus a helicopter and drones yesterday searched a mountainous area of north-west Tenerife for Jay, 19, in temperatures of 27C.

Debbie Duncan has flown to the Canary Island having not heard from her son since he left a rave there and went with two British men to their isolated Airbnb flat an hour away.

She fears Jay, from Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, was abducted although Spanish police have not said that kidnapping is a line of inquiry.

The last contact from Jay was at 8.50am on Monday when he messaged friend Lucy Mae Law to say he was 19 miles away in isolated village Masca and trying to make his way back.

School finance officer Debbie said: "If anyone does have him, just let him go, he's not a bad person. Maybe he's got in with some strangers."

Jay was in court last year for being part of a gang of eight youths who split the skull of their victim after they chased him through woods before attacking him with golf clubs, an axe and a machete.

Vanished on holiday..Jay Slater

Tom Hilton, 17, was also left with injuries to his shoulders and legs after he was lured to a remote location to meet a girl only to be confronted by what was Preston Crown Court heard was "like a pack of gorillas".

The eight were convicted of GBH with intent and told they would be locked up but ended up with community orders.

After completing his community rehabilitation Jay was on holiday with pals and was due to return to the UK yesterday.

But 15 of Jay's family and friends have flown to Tenerife to help the search, including his dad Warren and brother Zak.

His mum Debbie broke down in tears as she added: "If he's got himself mixed up with any trouble, just let him go, just let him go, it's been three days, he's in the same clothes. If he's been dumped in the mountains it's hot in the day and cold at night.

"Jay is a brilliant person, everybody loves being in his company, he's bubbly and fun, he's such a lovely, beautiful boy.

"I just want my little baby home with me.

"I just don't know what to think, I'm all over the place and I'm trying to keep positive..has somebody taken him? Is he panicked and lost in the mountains? I just don't know, that's why if anyone has any information please just tell us.

"But if he is lost then why hasn't anyone seen him?

"It's busy with hikers and holidaymakers up there so if he was lost then someone would have seen him, so that's why I think maybe he's been bundled off somewhere.

"I'm not stupid, I've been to Tenerife before, I've worked abroad myself and I gave him warnings. I just think if anyone has got him let him go."

Investigation... search for Jay in Tenerife, where mum Debbie has flown; the last flat Jay stayed in

Prisons 'too full for more criminals'

By **Michael Knowles**

PRISONS may no longer be able to take in criminals due to overcrowding, jail governors have warned.

It means the incoming Prime Minister will likely be faced with a huge crisis.

Tom Wheatley, the president of the Prison Governors Association, said: "We will no longer be able to receive prisoners from court in the second to third week of July."

Officials are working on emergency measures, which include the early release of thousands of prisoners.

Ministry of Justice data shows prison capacity at 88,815 across England and Wales, with the population at 87,347.

Plans to release thousands of prisoners early were drawn up, but would require the next government to introduce the legislation.

It is unclear if this will go through. Officials fear the early release scheme – with convicts let out up to 70 days before they are due – will no longer prove effective as more offenders will need locking up than are released.

Just Stop Oil target two private jets at Stansted

By **Paul Jeeves** Crime Editor

Pictures: PA; GETTY

Footage...activists spray plane and sit smiling on video

TWO Just Stop Oil protesters were yesterday arrested on suspicion of criminal damage after appearing to spray orange paint over private jets.

Police said they detained two women for "causing damage to two aircraft" after they gained access to a private area at Stansted Airport.

Just Stop Oil named the activists as Jennifer Kowalski, 28 – a former sustainability manager, from Dumbarton – and Cole Macdonald, 22, who is from Brighton.

The group said the pair had painted the planes using fire extinguishers filled with paint.

It happened the day after Just Stop Oil was universally slammed for spraying orange powder on to Stonehenge.

But its plan to target a jet used by pop star Taylor Swift, *inset*, was thwarted because the aircraft was not on the Essex airfield.

That plot seemed all the more bizarre as Ms Kowalski once considered Taylor Swift her hero. As a student at Aberdeen University, she shared pictures of the star online.

Yet, in a post on X, Just Stop Oil said: "Jennifer and Cole cut the fence into the private airfield at Stansted where @taylorswift13's jet is parked, demanding an emergency treaty to end fossil fuels by 2030."

A video shows one of the activists cutting a hole in the airfield's fence with an angle grinder and the other spraying the planes before they sit together, smiling, on the tarmac

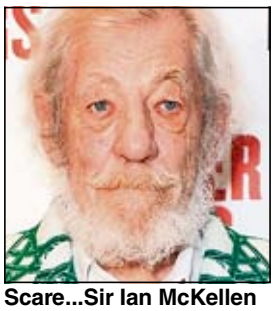
Essex police said its officers were called to the scene at around 5am, adding that two women were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage and interference with the use or operation of national infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the two activists held after Stonehenge was vandalised – named by Just Stop Oil as Rajan Naidu, 73, and Niamh Lynch, 21 – have been released on bail after being arrested on suspicion of criminal damage, damaging an ancient monument and deterring a person from engaging in a lawful activity.

The paint on the ancient monument has been removed and English Heritage chief Dr Nick Merriman said there was "no visible damage".

But he said removing the powder may have a "harmful impact" by "eroding" the stones and damaging the lichens" that grow on them.

"We're deeply saddened about this vandalism," he told BBC Radio 4.



Scare...Sir Ian McKellen

Rest after stage fall for Sir Ian

By **Frances Millar**

SIR Ian McKellen is having "physiotherapy, light exercise and a lot of essential rest at home" after falling from a stage.

The actor, 85, spent three nights in hospital after losing his footing during a fight scene in Player Kings on Monday night at the Noel Coward Theatre, in London's West End.

A statement on his behalf said: "The many messages of love and support will, I am sure, aid the speedy recovery that my doctors have promised me."

His understudy will replace him in today and tomorrow's final London shows. The adaptation of Henry IV, parts one and two, will move to Bristol on July 3.

'Proud'...Waddingham

Hannah's revved up for F1 date

By **Naomi Clarke**

HANNAH Waddingham will sing the national anthem before the start of next month's British Grand Prix.

The stage and screen star, 49, said she was "deeply privileged" to have been picked for the F1 event on July 7.

This year the race weekend at Silverstone – which drew a crowd of 480,000 in 2023 – will feature more music and arts events, including gigs by Stormzy and Rudimental.

Hannah said of her role: "It's the most enormous 'pinch-me' moment. I am immensely proud of my British roots and I will remember this honour all my life."

SCREEN LEGEND: 1935-2024

Hollywood star Donald Sutherland dies aged 88

By **Allister Hagger**

DONALD Sutherland was hailed as one of the silver screen's most significant talents yesterday after he died aged 88 following a long illness.

His son, actor Kiefer, 57, said the star of films including Kelly's Heroes, The Dirty Dozen and M*A*S*H*, had enjoyed "a life well lived".

Sharing a photo of himself as a child with his dad, the 24 star added: "I personally think [he was] one of the most important actors in the history of film. Never daunted by a role, good, bad or ugly. He loved what he did and did what he loved, and one can never ask for more than that."

Ron Howard, who directed Donald in 1991 action thriller Backdraft, called him "one of the most intelligent, interesting and engrossing film actors of all time".

Born in New Brunswick, Canada, Donald trained as an engineer before moving to Britain in 1957 to study at the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art.

Status

He went on to enjoy a career spanning seven decades that took him from repertory theatre in Scotland to Hollywood legend status. His break came in 1967 war film The Dirty Dozen, and he starred in Don't Look Now with Julie Christie, and Klute, during which he had an affair with co-star Jane Fonda. He also played President Snow in the Hunger Games franchise.

He won an Emmy for his role as Col Mikhail Fetisov in 1995 film Citizen X, and scooped two Golden Globes and a Critics Choice Award – but was never nominated for an Oscar.

However, his great talent was recognised with an honorary Academy Award in 2017.

The 6ft 4in star said he once asked his mother if he was good looking, and was told: "No, but your face has a lot of character."

In 1998 he said: "I love to feel my hand fit into the glove of some other character. I feel a huge freedom – time stops for me."

Three-times-wed Donald died in Miami, Florida, and is survived by wife Francine Racette, children Roeg, 50, Rossif, 45, Angus, 41, Kiefer and Rachel, 57, and four grandchildren.

Stellar career ...Donald receives an award in 2018 and, left, with son Kiefer. Below, from left, with Jane Fonda in Klute, Julie Christie in Don't Look Now and as Sgt Oddball in Kelly's Heroes

Model guests... Kate with Daphne and, right, It Girl Lady Victoria

Damian and Liz are glitzy exhibits at big museum fash bash

By **Frances Millar**

LET'S party into the Hurley hours...actress Liz Hurley and her director son Damian hooked up for some family fun when they stepped out together for the star-studded V&A Summer Party.

The glitzy annual museum bash was this year celebrating supermodel Naomi Campbell, so the Hurleys, both former models, dressed to impress.

Liz, 59, wore a striped Roberto Cavalli gown with knotted mid-section and Damian, 22, went shirtless in a white suit.

Naomi, 54, *left*, also took the plunge in white and teamed her gown with matching shades.

Other fashionable guests included supermodel Kate Moss, 50, designer Daphne Guinness, 56, in heavy metallic eye make-up, and former "It Girl" Lady Victoria Hervey, 47.

Boy George, 63, and his band Culture Club performed their 1980s smash hit Karma Chameleon at the do in London. Other musical stars at the bash included opera singer Katherine Jenkins, 43, *below*, and Grace Jones, 76, who got a kiss from comic Alan Carr, 48.

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'I'll never go

By **Mark Reynolds**

GAVIN & Stacey star Alison Steadman has vowed never to appear in a play again after suffering "absolutely horrible" stage fright.

The actress, 77, first made her name in theatre with Abigail's Party, and won an Olivier Award for The Rise and Fall of Little Voice in 1993.

But she has now said she'll never go back to the stage, insisting she's had "enough" after suffering unexpected jitters during a play.

The incident took place in 2012 while Alison was starring in Here, *pictured*, a production focusing on a couple who perpetually argue after moving into a new flat.

Recalling the experience, Alison told the Stirring It Up podcast: "It was horrible, absolutely horrible, and it came quite unexpectedly.

"It was a little bit of a difficult time for me personally but

Fright...Alison Steadman

PIXIE: WEST END ROLE

PIXIE Lott has admitted her West End debut left her feeling "a complete mess", struggling to function and even suffering from panic attacks.

The pop star, 33, starred as Holly Golightly in Breakfast at Tiffany's in 2016, headlining the show for almost a year.

Pixie, *right*, said: "I had a really hard time after. I was

V&A SUMMER PARTY

Picture: DAVE BENETT/GETTY

Hurley arrival... Damian and his mum, Liz, pose for family snap

Pop pecker...singer Grace gets kiss on cheek from Alan. Left, Boy George performing on stage

back on stage'

WAS A LOTT OF PAIN

crying my eyes out every night. By the time it ended I was a completely broken person, just a complete mess. I couldn't function."

She confessed that writing a song about her experience for her new album, Encino, was "like a therapy session".

that wasn't the real reason. I kept the stage fright to myself because I didn't want to upset the other actors or make them feel there was something they were doing.

"I was totally committed to the play but I just found it more and more difficult. Waiting and waiting on your own and then having to go on and do a scene and have barely any lines.

"She makes this speech and then goes off and waits 15 minutes, comes back on, has another solo, and it just began to get to me.

"When we finished, I just thought I don't think I want to do this any more."

The Liverpool-born actress has appeared in only one play since the incident, saying it was a small role where her character had a stroke halfway through.

The mother of two has now ruled out ever returning to the stage, adding: "It's exhausting and I'm 78 this year and I think, enough, enough. I like having more downtime now."

Alison is reprising her well-known role as Pam for this year's Gavin & Stacey Christmas special.

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24 killed in Israeli strikes on a 'night of horror' in Gaza

By **Mark Reynolds**

AT least 24 Palestinians were killed when Israeli tanks, warplanes and drones left Gaza citizens facing a "night of horror".

Despite promises of pauses in fire, at least eight people died while sheltering in makeshift tents in a western area of the city of Rafah.

One resident wrote on a chat app: "Another night of horror in Rafah. They opened fire from planes, drones and tanks...Bullets and shells landed in the Mawasi area near where people slept, killing and wounding many."

An estimated 12 people died in an Israeli strike that hit a group of citizens and merchants waiting for aid trucks north-east of Rafah.

And four were reported killed in an airstike on a house in Gaza City.

Eight months into the Israel-Hamas war, international mediators, backed by the US have failed to persuade either side to agree to a ceasefire.

Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu refuses to end the war before Hamas is eradicated and hostages it seized from his country on October 7 are freed.

No ceasefire... Netanyahu

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Military for Putin lands in

But not before Kim Jong Un

Handshake...Putin and Lam in Hanoi

VLADIMIR Putin jetted into Vietnam early yesterday as the dictator continued a whistle-stop tour of his few remaining allies.

The Russian President flew into the Vietnamese capital Hanoi on the second stop of an East Asian tour after staying in North Korea for just one night.

As with his lavish red carpet treatment in Pyongyang, Vietnamese President To Lam was also full of praise for his Russian counterpart, congratulating the despot on his recent re-election.

He said: "Congratulations to our comrade for receiving overwhelming support during the recent presidential election, underlining the confidence of the Russian people."

Standing on the red carpet, Putin responded by saying strengthening a strategic partnership with the south-east Asian country was one of the Kremlin's priorities.

Putin arrived at the Presidential Palace yesterday afternoon local time, where he was greeted by schoolchildren waving Russian and Vietnamese flags. The Russian leader

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parade as he Vietnam

A watching brief... images of Putin and Lam overlook ceremony

gives fellow tyrant tiger-hunting dogs bred from wolves

By **Mark Reynolds**

also met the Communist Party General Secretary Nguyen Phu Trong – Vietnam's most powerful politician – and other officials.

Vietnam values its historic ties with Russia even as it tries to improve links with Europe and the US. Looming over a park in Hanoi's political quarter, a five-metre high statue of Lenin depicts the Russian revolutionary in an heroic pose.

Isolation

On the former Bolshevik dictator's birthday every year a delegation of senior Vietnamese officials lay flowers and bow their heads before the statue, a gift when Russia was still the Soviet Union.

The Soviet state aided communist North Vietnam in the 1950s in the conflict with South Vietnam, which ended in 1975. Vietnam remains "filled with loyalty and gratitude".

Putin's trip resulted in a sharp rebuke from the US. Much has changed since his last visit to Vietnam in 2017. Russia faces a raft of US-led sanctions for its invasion of Ukraine. And in 2023 the International Criminal Court in the Hague issued an arrest warrant for Putin for war crimes.

The Kremlin rejected it as "null and void," stressing Moscow doesn't recognise the court's jurisdiction.

But Putin's recent visit to China and now to North Korea and Vietnam are attempts to break the international isolation.

Earlier, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un gifted his departing guest two rare tiger-hunting dogs bred from wolves.

It came as Kremlin defence and foreign ministers were ejected from a meeting room for showing "lack of respect" to the Pyongyang leader.

Putin gave Kim a second Russian-made Aurus, the luxury limousine favoured by the Moscow leader.

In doing so, he was believed to have flouted UN sanctions against Pyongyang, which bans the supply, sale and transfer of luxury items to North Korea, under Resolution 2397 adopted in December 2017.

Gift...Kim introduces Putin to his new tiger hunting dogs

COMMENT

TOM TUGENDHAT
Minister of State for Security

THE sight of two of the world's most dangerous dictators – Russia's Vladimir Putin and North Korea's Kim Jong Un – shaking hands this week is a reminder of how dangerous our world is becoming and why defence matters.

The axis of evil that threatens everything the democratic West stands for is growing.

The footage of Russian flags and portraits of Putin hanging in the smoggy air of Pyongyang illustrates the formation of a new unholy alliance – a phrase once used to describe the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact between Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union.

History shows us that the enemies of democracy will work together to undermine us.

Iran continues to advance its nuclear program. The regime will continue to attempt to kidnap or kill dissidents on UK soil. China has taken Hong Kong and threatens Taiwan. And Putin is pushing to restore the borders of the Soviet Union.

The world has not looked this dangerous since the end of the Cold War.

Amid all of this, I am proud of how the Conservatives – and Britain – have responded to these changes. We were the first nation in Europe to send heavy weapons to Ukraine.

Responsibility

Ordinary citizens opened their homes to Ukrainian refugees. And Ukrainian soldiers are currently training on British soil.

Our security services are using the resources and powers we've given them to crack down on terror groups and hostile states.

They've already begun using the new National Security Act to prosecute enemy agents who target our citizens and spy on our country.

Back in 2014, the RAF was a key part of the coalition that obliterated Isis in Iraq, and since the 2010s the Royal Navy has been actively involved in international efforts to combat piracy off the coast of Somalia.

Our military also does more than just fight to promote stability. In 2014 and 2015 our troops established Ebola treatment centres in West Africa, provided medical and logistical support and helped train healthcare workers.

In 2017, our forces provided disaster relief in the Caribbean following Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Each one of these interventions reduces the chance of disaster and unrest and makes our world safer.

We have much to be proud of and we, the Conservatives, will never talk down Britain and her military like some on the Labour benches.

With great power comes great responsibility. Only a Conservative Government will wholeheartedly stand up to Russia, China and Iran when they threaten to do us harm.

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Lone wolf...animal is thought to be 44,000 years old

Frozen in time ...the secrets of an Ice Age wolf

By **Will Stewart**

AN examination is uncovering the secret life of this wolf, including its last meal – 44,000 years after it died.

The adult male was preserved in excellent condition in Siberian permafrost so scientists hope to be able to study ancient viruses and micro-organisms inside it as well as the animal's diet.

Samples of the Ice Age beast were taken to compare it with modern wolves. It is the oldest one to be given a post-mortem.

Mammoth

The animal was discovered by locals in permafrost near the river Tirekhtyakh in Yakutia – Russia's coldest region – and taken to the mammoth museum laboratory of the country's North-East Federal University in Yakutsk.

Dr Albert Protopopov, of the Yakutia Academy of Sciences, said: "Its stomach has remained isolated without contamination.

"It was an active and large predator, and we have the opportunity to find out what it ate. Its stomach contains the remains of what its prey consumed."

Lab head Dr Maxim Cheprasov said: "We extracted a pre-molar... to determine the biological age of the find." Based on the wear of its many teeth and the development of the skull, the team declared it an adult male.

Prof Artemy Goncharov, of Russia's Institute of Experimental Medicine, said such probes can give modern-day benefits: "We see that live bacteria can survive in the finds of fossil animals for millennia, serving as witnesses to those ancient times.

"Good results...will allow us to further understand what ancient microbial communities were like, what function they performed and how dangerous pathogenic bacteria were represented in their structure.

"It is possible micro-organisms will be found that can be applied in medicine and biotechnology.

"Therefore, this research has a special influence on the future."

Well-preserved... Siberian wolf's fearsome fangs

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Joint home before 'I do' for 9 in 10

By **Aine Fox**

MORE than nine in 10 heterosexual couples who wed in 2021 or 2022 lived together beforehand – a new record, the Office for National Statistics said.

Only 59.6% of couples co-habited when they wed back in 1994 when records began.

Data published yesterday also shows 246,897 marriages were recorded in England and Wales in 2022, 12.3% more than in 2019.

Grooms were, on average, 32.7 years old while brides were 31.2 years old in 2021-22 – the highest median ages on record, the ONS said.

In 2022, there were 7,800 same-sex nuptials, making up 3.2% of all marriages, the biggest number on record – and the greatest number of women tied the knot with each other (4,896 weddings) since same-sex marriage was introduced in 2014.

The ONS cautioned that the spikes "may not be representative of long-term trends" due to the pandemic's effect.

Man, 87, on murder charge

By **Elizabeth Hunter**

AN 87-year-old man has been charged with murder after the death of his wife.

William Arthur Haxworth appeared before Bath magistrates yesterday and was remanded into custody ahead of today's hearing at Bristol Crown Court.

The charge comes after Delia Haxworth, 85, was found in need of urgent treatment at a property in Upper Lansdown Mews in Bath on Tuesday. Despite the efforts of paramedics, she was pronounced dead at the scene.

Delia's next of kin have been informed. Det Insp Mark Newbury said: "Although a man has been charged we are still in the early stages of our investigation. I hope anyone with information will come forward."

Detectives are keen to speak to anyone who saw, or has, footage of a man with a rucksack walking from Upper Lansdown Mews to Bennett Street or of a man climbing scaffolding in Bennett Street.

Feeling the heat... the sunscreens that failed Which? safety tests

Three sunscreens fail watchdog's safety tests

By **Josie Clarke**

THREE big-brand sunscreen products have failed crucial protection tests, a consumer champion said.

Which? found Asda Protect Moisturising Sun Lotion SPF30 High, Calypso Press & Protect Sun Lotion SPF 30 and Bondi Sands SPF 50+ Fragrance Free Face Sunscreen Lotion fell below their standards for SPF and UVA protection.

Testing face-specific sunscreens for the first time this year, the watchdog said the Bondi Sands product "did not come close" to its claimed SPF and did not reach the minimum UVA protection required.

Concerning

Asda hit back, saying it "did not recognise" the Which? results. Calypso Sun insisted its product had passed EU standards.

Bondi Sands did not respond to a request for comment.

Which? said Calypso's £8 Press & Protect lotion "barely mustered" two-thirds of its claimed SPF 30 protection and Asda's £2.80 Protect lotion failed both rounds of testing.

However, it said Lidl's £3.29 Cien Sun Spray SPF 30 "triumphed" in the tests and did an "all-round excellent job" of protecting skin.

Another budget brand, Aldi's £2.49 Lacura SPF 30 Sun Lotion, also passed the SPF and UVA tests.

Meanwhile, Lidl's £3.29 Cien Kids Sensitive Sunscreen Spray met its SPF and UVA protection claims, Which? has said.

The consumer group's head of home products and services, Natalie Hitchins, said: "It is incredibly concerning that some big brands failed our tests and did not offer the level of sun protection claimed on the packaging.

"However, it is great to see cheaper top-quality sunscreen options available on the high street and in supermarkets."

An Asda spokesman said: "We recently had our Asda Protect Moisturising Sun Lotion SPF 30 High retested by a leading external provider using internationally recognised testing methods.

"These test results confirmed that this product has a sun protection factor of 31.5, and therefore we do not recognise the test results Which? has published.

"When Which? reviewed this same product in 2022, they awarded it 'Great Value' at that time and it passed their SPF test."

Calypso Sun said: "All products are carefully and independently tested and have passed EU standards and regulations."

86 IN HOSPITAL AFTER E.COLI OUTBREAK BUT SPREAD IS SLOWING

By **Jane Kirby**

AT least 86 people have now been admitted to hospital as a result of an E.coli outbreak linked to lettuce – but cases are slowing, health officials have said.

Data from the UK Health Security Agency shows there have been 45 further incidents of E.coli infection as of Tuesday this week, taking total confirmed cases since the UK outbreak began to 256.

All those affected first developed symptoms before May 31.

The UKHSA said: "Although the rate of cases has slowed, we expect the figure to rise as NHS laboratories refer specimens to UKHSA for genomic sequencing which can link cases to this outbreak strain."

Numerous food manufacturers recalled at least 45 sandwiches, wraps and salads sold in major supermarkets and retail chains as a precaution over fears they could be linked to the outbreak.

The Food Standards Agency has said lettuce used in the products is thought to be the likely source of the outbreak. All the cases recorded involve Shiga toxin-producing E.coli O145 (Stec).

Darren Whitby, head of incidents at the Food Standards Agency, said: "Food chain and epidemiological links have enabled us to narrow down a wide range of foods consumed to a small number of salad leaves that have been used in these products.

"We continue to work at pace with the relevant businesses and local authorities to ensure necessary steps are being taken to protect consumers."

E.coli are a group of bacteria that are normally harmless and live in the intestines of humans and animals. However, some strains produce toxins that can make people very ill, such as Stec.

Symptoms can include vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach cramps and occasionally fever and last up to two weeks in uncomplicated cases. Some patients, mainly children, may develop haemolytic uraemic syndrome, which is a serious condition resulting in kidney failure.

Stec is often transmitted by eating contaminated food but can also be spread by close contact with an infected person.

Precaution ...products withdrawn

Car killing case is set

By **Paul Jeeves**

A MAN has appeared in court four years after a homeowner was fatally knocked over trying to stop his car being stolen.

Marc Allen, 51, died in January 2020 after being hit in Erith, South East London a month earlier.

Charged with his murder, Errol Woodger, 37, of Abbey Wood, was remanded in custody at Bromley Magistrates' Court. He appears at the Old Bailey on Monday.

Grandmother who wanted a kiss is jailed for sexual assault

Drunken demand...Alison Haughton had been boozing and swearing in street

By **Chris Riches**

A GRANDMOTHER who grabbed a man in the street and demanded a kiss has been jailed for sexual assault.

Alison Haughton, 54, had been drinking whisky following a marriage split when she told the victim: "I love you but you won't s**g me."

After he ran into his home, Haughton tried to barge inside.

The man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, said he was left feeling "scared" and that she'd tried to proposition him on a previous occasion.

Her lawyer Simon Dunn told Warrington magistrates court she had a clean record until last December but now has a string of convictions.

Shrieked

The housewife, from Warrington, Cheshire, appeared at the hearing via video link from prison. JPs heard she had been drinking Jack Daniels and was heard swearing and smashing a bottle in the street when she saw her victim last month.

He had ordered a takeaway and was walking to the delivery driver's car when Haughton – who he knew – tried to climb in the vehicle.

"He said: 'Alison, what are you doing? You are in the road, you are going to get yourself squashed,'" said prosecutor Michael O'Kane. "But she looked at him and shrieked. She then came over and grabbed him by the hips as if to keep him next to her.

"She said, 'Give me a kiss.' He said 'Alison, stop it.' He tried to create some distance but she grabbed his T-shirt and tried to pull him back.

"She said, 'If you want me to let you go, you have to give me a kiss.' He said, 'No, I need to go,' and walked away but she continued to try and pull at him and he was scared."

He broke free and got into his home but Haughton pushed at the front door and wouldn't let him shut it. "She said, 'I just love you and you won't s**g me.' She suggested they have sex then sat down and was crying."

Mitigating, Mr Dunn said: "This is a woman who had not offended until December of last year at 53 years of age. She is now 54 and is in a situation in which she has gone from having absolutely nothing on her record to having some relatively serious matters to be sentenced for.

"The root of her issues goes down to a very difficult divorce. They'd been together for a very long time."

Haughton, who denied the offence, was handed a further 12 weeks in jail, consecutive to her current six-month stretch for assault and criminal damage after she attacked two PCs and damaged a fire alarm during a drunken dust-up at a pub in January.

She has two previous convictions for being drunk in charge of her VW Golf and threatening behaviour from Christmas last year.

She must now sign the Sex Offender Register and is banned from going near or contacting her victim.

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Life for killer of partner's mum

By **Paul Jeeves**

A MAN who admitted the murder of his girlfriend's mother and attempted murder of his girlfriend has been told he faces a life term.

Damian Homer, 50, launched a brutal knife attack on Wendy Francis, 61, and her daughter Stacey Hill, 38, at an address in Worcester in March.

He admitted the charges as he appeared via videolink from HMP Hewell at the city's crown court yesterday. Judge Rupert Mayo told Homer, of Worcester: "There is only one sentence I can pass... that's one of life imprisonment."

The minimum term will be decided at a later date, with the judge adding: "I am not prepared to pass sentence for an offence as grave as this on the videolink. He [Homer] needs to be here."

Picture: WILLIAM LAILEY/SWNS

Ex-soldier jailed for kissing man gets cap badge back 40 years on

By **Ashley Pemberton**

A FORMER soldier jailed for kissing a fellow serviceman in the 1980s has become one the first gay veterans to have his ceremonial cap badge returned – 40 years later

Stephen Close was court martialled, discharged with disgrace and imprisoned.

But he was invited to the Royal Fusiliers regimental HQ at the Tower of London this week to re-receive his cap and badge.

Stephen, 61, of Salford, Greater Manchester, said: "It was a proud moment. It took a lifetime, but...it has given me closure.

"I served alongside my brother. He said during my court martial he loves me and I am a Fusilier and always will be, no matter what they said in there. He was at my ceremony and had a tear in his eye."

Stephen was stationed in Berlin in 1983 when he met a fellow soldier on a night out. They were questioned and swabbed for DNA samples before being paraded around the base in front of colleagues.

Stephen was discharged after six months jail for gross indecency. The two men served time in separate prisons and never saw each other again. Stephen was made to wear a red ribbon while in jail to mark him out to the guards and other inmates.

He recalled: "I went out with some friends and ended up back at one of their rooms.

"Their room was shared with another soldier who I found attractive. We thought his room-mate had collapsed, but he hadn't and he saw us kissing and reported us.

"It took a toll on my mental health. It wasn't just the court case, it was the total abandonment from my military mates. That hurt."

Homosexuality was decriminalised in 1967 but was an offence in the forces until 1994. A ban on gays in the military ended in 2000.

Stephen's criminal record left him unable to work with children or vulnerable people until a royal pardon in 2013 – the same year as codebreaking wartime genius Alan Turing.

Stephen said: "In Nazi Germany gays had to wear pink triangles – I had to wear a red ribbon. My record was wiped clean, but by this time I was 50."

Restoring cap badges to discharged personnel was among recommendations by an LGBTQ veterans review last year.

Stephen said for years he was "too ashamed" to go to Remembrance events and found it "too painful" to attend regimental reunions. He added: "I would encourage any young gay person to join the Army now, but it's taken a while."

In uniform... Stephen, at front, serving in East Berlin in 1982

Kitted out again...former Royal Fusilier Stephen Close at his home in Salford

I never forgot D-Day horrors... Normandy hero dies aged 100

French honour...D-Day veteran Charlie Mellish

By **Giles Sheldrick** Chief Reporter

A D-DAY hero has died aged 100 shortly after his colleagues returned to the beaches for the 80th anniversary of the landings.

Charlie Mellish fought in Normandy on June 6, 1944 and was given the French Legion d'honneur five years ago for his bravery on the battlefield.

He had celebrated turning 100 in January, and never forgot the horrors of the war.

Scared

In 2019, after receiving the Legion d'honneur medal, the highest French order of merit, he said: "Many of my officers and fellow soldiers were injured and lost that day.

"I crawled along the trenches that had been created by the tanks and wagons across the battlefield.

"At times I was so scared that I dare not move and I would just lay there in the trenches. They are memories that stay with you forever, you never forget them." Due to ill health, Charlie was unable to be the guest of honour at the 2024 Llangollen D-Day celebrations in North Wales recently.

Born in London, he moved to Oswestry, Shropshire, for military training and it was there he met his wife Elsie.

He was a member of the North Staffordshire Regiment which landed in Normandy on D-Day in 1944. He served in the Army between 1941 and 1945.

After moving to the Wrexham area in North Wales with Elsie in 1947, Charlie spent the remainder of his working life as a fitter in the Monsanto factory in Acrefair.

He retired in his 60s but played a big role in his local community.

Charlie and Elsie had two children, Christine and Graham, three grandchildren named Neil, Dawn and Phillip, and six great-grandchildren.

Elsie passed away in 2017. Proud grandson Neil said Charlie dedicated much of his time to helping others.

He said: "He enjoyed gardening and won several competitions, many of them in a row, but I've lost count.

"And he also ran swimming clubs in Wrexham and Plas Madoc, as well as a great youth club for many years.

Missed

"He was a great and loving family man. There was nothing he couldn't make or build from a bit of metal or wood. He used to make us sledges as children and a swing set.

"At one point, he even kept bees and used to sell honey in the community.

"He was always laughing or joking. He was truly one of a kind and he will be missed by so many."

Mourners are now preparing for Charlie's funeral which takes place next week at Pentrebychan Crematorium, Wrexham.

HICKEY

URGING nature lovers to take to London's streets this weekend, Dame Emma Thompson demands politicians tackle the "threat of climate disaster hanging over" the next generation.

The Oscar-winning star, *pictured*, has found herself accused of double standards in the past, courtesy of her penchant for first class plane travel – despite urging fans to fly less for the sake of the environment. There was a backlash after she was spotted drinking champagne in a luxury personal booth on a British Airways flight to New York.

Life as a celebrity eco-warrior can be a tricky business!

WHILE Sir Ian McKellen now sadly isn't expected to be performing again until early next month, after falling off the stage at London's Noël Coward Theatre, some heartening news.

Following my item yesterday, noting the legendary actor's long obsession with certain sweeties, a Nestlé spokesperson tells me: "We know that Sir Ian is a huge fan of Rowntree's Fruit Gums and we were really pleased to be able to host him at our factory a number of years ago and present him with a personalised, limited edition grapefruit flavour. We're glad he is on the mend and we'll send some Fruit Gums for his personal supplies."

Said treats will be waiting for Sir Ian when he makes his scheduled comeback in the production of Player Kings at the Bristol Hippodrome on July 3.

AFTER publicising news billionaire Elon Musk has given the thumbs up to his Hawkstone beer, Jeremy Clarkson takes issue with a cheeky suggestion his brew explodes out of the bottle.

Short-fused Jeremy snaps: "That's the rural halfwit's *cider*. My beer is superb and also non-explosive. As is the cider now."

The presenter had to send out a warning last summer about some of his cider bottles exploding, following a "massive cock-up".

Might Jeremy's loyal cider customers now take exception to being labelled "rural halfwits?"

FIVE years since she last played Game of Thrones alter ego Brienne of Tarth, *pictured*, Gwendoline Christie highlights one ongoing grievance.

"In the early days...people used to be given a prop that was most significant to their character," the West Sussex-born actress tells Total Film. "But then HBO said they were too valuable to be given away as gifts, so we didn't get those any more. I was very sad never to receive my sword, Oathkeeper."

COULD a Sir Keir Starmer election triumph prove ominous for England's footballers at the Euros?

BBC political interrogator Nick Robinson points out: "If your summer happiness depends on football coming home, I should warn you that Sir Keir confessed to me that he'd been in the crowd when Gareth Southgate missed that penalty [in 1996]."

He adds in The Spectator: "If Starmer wins on July 4 and Southgate takes England to the final of the Euros 10 days later, I wonder if we could persuade our new Prime Minister to stay away in case he jinxes it?"

Home is where

Having won their dream tenancy on a National Trust farm via a Channel 4 reality TV show, Adam and Jenny Grieve couldn't wait to get started. If only the weather would play ball!

EXCLUSIVE

By **Kat Hopps**

WHEN Adam and Jenny Grieve were announced as the winners of a 10-year tenancy for a 340-acre National Trust farm following a reality TV show, they really were on cloud nine. But the weather had other ideas. Last May, the young couple had barely settled into the four-bed farmhouse on the Wallington Estate in Northumberland when the skies opened.

The start of their tenancy just happened to coincide with one of the UK's wettest years ever, with the Met Office recording 1,695.9mm of rainfall from October 2022 to March 2024 – the most for any 18-month period since records began in 1836.

TV viewers – five million of whom had tuned into Channel 4's eight-part Apprentice-style Our Dream Farm this spring to see seven applicants vying for the tenancy – were blissfully unaware of the challenging circumstances the winners, yet to be revealed, were already experiencing. By the time of transmission, due to the necessity of filming in advance, livestock auctioneer Adam and education worker Jenny's adventure was already well under way.

I'm speaking to the couple in their first interview since winning the Matt Baker-presented reality show. Jenny, 36, shakes her head at the memory of the torrential rain that never seemed to end, smiling: "We're well and truly ready for some sunshine."

Yet despite the challenges, it's clear the pair, who are parents to Alfie, five, and Jacob, two, remain utterly overjoyed at their win and hugely optimistic for the future.

"It's been hard work but we're very happy," says Adam, 31. "Farming is more a way of life than a job. We thoroughly enjoy it and like going outside and doing the jobs together as a family. We have a good relationship with the National Trust and it's been a pleasure working alongside them in our first year."

RAISING THE BAAA: Left, Adam shears sheep. Below, Jacob and Alfie with first season's silage

The show was conceived after the incumbent tenant retired from the farm.

The National Trust wanted new custodians to run the expanse of grasslands, woods and wetlands profitably – but sustainably.

Tenancy farming is notoriously competitive in the UK, with applicants outweighing opportunities. Without a generational tenancy or large amounts of capital, entry routes have become almost impossible and many of the show's hopefuls burst into tears following their exit. Farming is a small community and several of the applicants knew each other.

"We all got on well, but no one wanted to give too much away because there was a lot at stake at the end of the day," Adam admits.

Applicants were assessed on agricultural tasks and the strength of their business plans. Some were more radical than others – one couple wanted to introduce beaver tours and wildlife experiences and keep livestock to a minimum. Adam and Jenny wanted to boost their cattle numbers and existing smallhold of sheep to 300, while repurposing an dilapidated farm building for rural educational classes. Raised on farms, Adam competed alone for the majority of the three weeks while Geordie-born "townie" Jenny worked and looked after the boys.

She attended the final business pitches delivered to Wallington Estate's general manager Sally Richards and National Trust land and estates director Giles Hunt.

By that stage of the contest, only two other applicants remained. "The waiting on the last day was brutal," admits Adam. "We had our final interviews in the morning and had to wait until after lunch for the decision. That hour-and-a-bit felt longer than the entire three weeks."

Both were visibly lost for words when they were announced as the winners.

"I didn't know what to say," admits Adam. "I was expecting a different outcome so I was very relieved and pleased but shocked. It's not very often that I'm speechless."

In truth, they were strong contenders from the start.

Adam glided through the tasks, from setting up a lambing pen to selling produce at a farmers' market and taking soil samples. Did he find anything difficult?

"Getting used to having a camera following us," he chuckles.

He had one blunder when his figures were out by several thousands of pounds, but they were corrected by the final interviews.

The couple, still in their day jobs, have spent the first year gaining an understanding

the farm is...

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CLAN OF LANDWORKERS: Jenny, Adam and their sons Jacob, two, and Alfie, five

NANNYING GOATS: The couple with horned pals; left, pitching on TV show

of the land. They've helped the National Trust seed wildflower meadows and lay hedgerows to create wildlife corridors and haven't looked at their business plan too meticulously yet.

The growing livestock is the couple's "bread and butter" and, nurtured by the National Trust, they are establishing environmental schemes.

"In a few years' time, the hedges will give good shelter to the livestock," says Adam. "We've laid the groundwork to increase the wetlands and encourage bird activity so they can flourish."

They lambed 120 ewes in the first two weeks of April to coincide with the school holidays. But the heavens opened – and the rain never stopped pouring.

"It's pretty horrific weather-wise for lambing for all farmers, so it's not been the most successful year we've ever had," says Jenny. "It's not been abysmal but it was pretty hard work. This is the first year we chose to do some of the lambing outside.

"We're bringing in everything next year so you can guarantee it'll probably be glorious sunshine the whole time."

She adds: "Adam did get a few phone calls with me saying, 'I can't do this another day! We need to get the lambs inside.' But there was nothing major enough for us to think that we're not doing this any more."

'Adam did get a few calls from me saying "I can't do this another day! We need to get the lambs inside!"'

How many lambs did they lose? "Oh God, I lost count by the end. I don't know if you were counting, Adam?" He reckons it was 15 to 20. But he's keen to stress that other farms would have faced a similar if not higher number of deaths.

"It was lambs that were freshly born and not getting a chance to get themselves full [through milking] and keeping warm.

"Some of our continental lambs are bare-skinned so aren't as well covered as other lambs for the cold and rain," he explains. "You expect losses, that's the reality of it, unfortunately. Not everything does survive. But it was the weather that did the damage to us this time rather than anything else. Hopefully, the worst one is out of the way and the next nine will be glorious."

A chairman of his local Young Farmers' federation, Adam had wanted to run his own farm since childhood. Jenny didn't become involved with rural life until meeting Adam through her previous job at a children's centre.

"His mum was my boss!" she laughs. Together, they built up their sheep and cattle numbers before learning about the estate's tenancy. Jenny admits her parents were "a bit more reserved" about the opportunity initially.

"It was probably their lack of understanding of farm life," she explains. "They grew up with the thinking that you buy your house and have that to fall back on. But if you're renting a farm, your money is invested in machinery and animals.

"It was perhaps their worry about the future and where we would go with that, but now they understand more, they're fully on board and probably want to live here themselves."

Both sets of grandparents help out regularly with babysitting and farm chores. And the boys love the freedom to roam the fields.

"Jacob was only 15 months old when we arrived so he didn't really understand what was going on, whereas now you can't keep him inside," Jenny smiles. "He just wants to be outside helping all the time. He'll do anything."

ALFIE, who turns six on Monday, has responsibility for feeding the family's three pygmy goats and chickens.

"It gives him that bit of independence and understanding how to look after animals so when he is a bit older he can start to look after the sheep and, one day, the cattle," says Jenny.

There was a slight mishap recently when a fox took six hens and a cockerel after the pen door was left open overnight. The family plans to buy more at an upcoming farmers' market.

"Alfie learned that if you don't shut the hens in then there is a consequence to it so that was a good learning curve for him. Now he likes to make sure that they're done," says Jenny. "He understands that some things live and some things die."

The couple hope to rear 170 lambs next year and increase cattle numbers. Meanwhile, they are in a stewardship scheme with Natural England alongside the National Trust. The purpose is to deliver healthy soils and thriving wildlife – while creating sustainable food production and helping tackle and adapt to the changing climate.

"We're not using fertilisers to help the ground," says Adam. "Things are tough in all different sectors, in particular agriculture, but it's key that within the UK we have the highest standards and levels of animal husbandry by a mile. Keep backing British and make sure farmers get the support they need and deserve."

What happens once their decade is over?

"The National Trust can say if they're happy with how we're farming the land and the tenancy can be renewed if we're both in agreement with that. It's not just a case of ten-and-a-half years, that's it, it's over and you're out," says Jenny.

Adam adds: "It's about feeling we've got to the end of that period and we've been successful in what we've done – but the main aim for us is to be there as long as possible."

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Coca-Cola heir told to pay ex-employee £710m in rape case

Billionaire... Alkiviades David

By **Christopher Bucktin**
US Editor

THE heir to a Coca-Cola bottling fortune has been ordered to pay a former worker nearly £710million in what is thought to be the largest sexual damages award in history.

Alkiviades David, 56, was accused of raping an employee while involved in a previous court case in which another staffer, a production assistant, won a £45.5million sexual battery payout against him.

After that trial in 2019 he was warned "never to think of violating another woman's body".

But in the latest case he was accused by an unidentified model in her 30s of raping her that same year.

Gary Dordick, the lawyer who represented the unnamed woman, said after the record damages order by a Los Angeles jury: "It's so despicable, the facts of this case.

"He raped my client while on trial in another case.

"This monumental verdict marks a significant triumph for justice and sets a precedent in the fight against workplace sexual assault."

'This monumental verdict sets a precedent in the fight against workplace sexual assault'

It is just the latest in a series of jury awards against the British-Cypriot billionaire and boss of Hologram USA, which creates holograms of dead celebrities including Michael Jackson and rapper Tupac Shakur.

David has lost multiple other sexual misconduct cases brought against him and he and his businesses have been ordered to pay out tens of millions of dollars in damages.

The accuser in the latest case said she knew David as a "media mogul and billionaire" when she went to work for him at Hologram USA, according to the lawsuit.

In it, the woman claimed the heir's conduct was concerning from the start of her employment, when a female colleague told her he had forcibly kissed her.

In 2016 the woman claimed David tried to kiss her during a work trip on his private island in Greece.

But she said she rejected the advance, forcing him to apologise.

According to the complaint, she was laid off later that year and did not speak to David again until 2018, when he offered her a job as a brand ambassador at another of his firms, SwissX, a producer of CBD.

After the woman had accepted the position, he invited her back to his hotel room, where he had her sample what he said was a CBD product, according to the lawsuit.

But the woman said she began to feel drunk and disoriented, then David performed a sex act and forced her to touch him intimately.

The lawsuit claimed that in April 2019, David raped her in a small room during a business meeting, with his dobermann pinscher dog present.

The unanimous jury verdict against David, in front of Judge Christopher Lui, includes £79million in compensatory damages and £630million in punitive damages.

David had not responded to a request for comment last night.

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Trial for man accused of sex attacks on two teenage girls

By **Ben Mitchell**

A MAN has pleaded not guilty to the rape of a girl aged between 13 and 15 and the sexual assault of another teenage girl on a beach.

Antony Demetriades, 24, is accused of carrying out the offences close to the Oceanarium attraction in Bournemouth at about 7.30pm on May 19.

Demetriades, of Bournemouth, pleaded not guilty to two charges of rape and sexual assault against one complainant and the sexual assault of the second complainant, a court heard.

He also entered a not guilty plea to the breach of a sexual harm prevention order. Judge David Evans adjourned the case at Bournemouth Crown Court for trial on March 4 next year, with a pre-trial review hearing to take place on January 17.

He told the defendant: "You have pleaded not guilty to these allegations and so there will need to be a trial in which the jury listens to the evidence and decides the verdicts."

The judge released the defendant on conditional bail until the trial date.

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Dunbar more than does his duty in a sparkling revival of Broadway classic

REVIEW

NEIL NORMAN

KISS ME, KATE
Barbican Theatre ★★★★

IT'S A stretch for any actor who has never appeared in a stage musical to star in a Broadway classic.

But that is precisely what Adrian Dunbar – most recently seen in TV crime drama Line of Duty – does in this musical reassembly by Sam and Bella Spewack and Cole Porter of The Taming of the Shrew.

He plays Fred Graham, actor/producer/director of a touring theatre company, who casts himself as Petruchio opposite his ex-wife Lilli Vanessi (Stephanie J Block) as Kate in a musical version of Shakespeare's play.

Dunbar gives a relaxed performance at the beginning, before revving up as the show progresses. He is not a natural born dancer and his softly crooning singing voice is leagues away from the Broadway blast merchants but his approach is ultimately satisfying.

Bolstered by a cast who blitz their way through Porter's numbers – Another Op'nin', Another Show, Wunderbar, Kiss Me, Kate – Dunbar effortlessly holds his own opposite Broadway superstar Block, making her UK debut as Fred's embittered ex-wife.

Anthony van Laast's choreography strikes sparks in the ensemble scenes, particularly It's Too Darn Hot, which welds Jerome Robbins' finger-clicking West Side Story with Bob Fosse's sinuous sexuality; scarlet corsets and fishnets surround star-in-the-making Jack Butterworth. Charlie Stemp as Bill gets his chance to shine in the tap-dancing number Bianca that makes the most of Michael Yeargan's towering set which revolves to reveal backstage, dressing rooms and wobbly theatre sets – though the positioning of the orchestra pit seems unnecessarily perilous.

The farcical play-within-a-play plot satirises and celebrates theatre, and reality is left at the stage door as a result. Nice work, too, from Georgina Onuorah as Bill's girlfriend Lois Lane and old-school Broadway singer Josie Benson.

Nigel Lindsay and Hammed Animashaun as the oddly erudite Damon Runyon-styled gangsters stop the show with Brush Up Your Shakespeare, which has rarely seemed funnier.

Director Bartlett Sher's expertise in enhancing Broadway classics with a modern sensibility is much in evidence.

The sluggish first act needs sharpening, but once the motor's running it's a gas, gas, gas.

● *Kiss Me, Kate is at London's Barbican Theatre until September 14. Tickets: 020 7870 2500.*

New line of entertainment ...Adrian, also left, and Stephanie in Kiss Me, Kate

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Head of the beast...Dr Rodrigo Muller with remains of the Triassic croc's skull

Find turns back clock to when the croc was king

By **Stephen Beech**

FOSSILS of a crocodile-like reptile that pre-dated dinosaurs by millions of years have been discovered in Brazil.

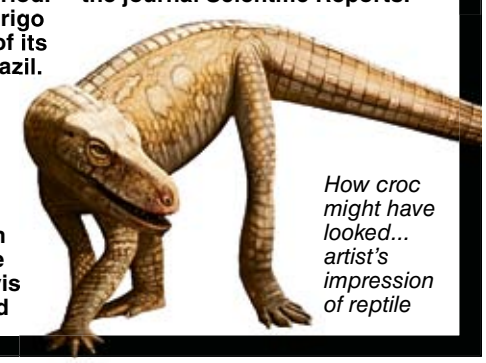
The 3ft-long predator lived around 237 million years ago in the Middle-Late Triassic period.

Fossils specialist Dr Rodrigo Muller says the is the first of its kind to be discovered in Brazil.

Prior to the dinosaurs' rule, such pseudosuchian reptiles were common and amongst the largest carnivores of the time.

Dr Muller, of the Federal University of Santa Maria in Rio Grande do Sul, said the finds include a skull, a pelvis and 11 vertebrae. He named the species parvosuchus aurelioi, honouring Pedro Aurelio who found it.

The discovery is reported in the journal Scientific Reports.



How croc might have looked... artist's impression of reptile

Pills racket...Katie Harlow

Brits ran £4m fake drug ring in sheds

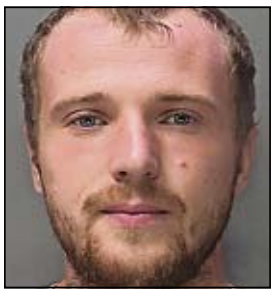
By **Adam Dutton**

BRITISH ringleaders of a gang selling millions of fake Xanax pills around the world are facing jail.

From a luxury villa in Thailand, Brian Pitts and Katie Harlow arranged for dummy tranquillisers to be made in sheds and garages in the West Midlands.

Their gang included relatives and friends who used the dark web to sell pills that were "worth" more than £4million.

They were caught after a five-year probe led by pharma giant Pfizer. It bought batches of the pills and tests confirmed the fake tablets were dangerously mixed with other drugs plus bulking agent bought from China. Ten of the group



Global scam...Brian Pitts

face prison for offences including conspiracy to supply class C drugs and money laundering.

Pitts, 29, admitted conspiracy to supply class C drugs and to commit a trademark offence. Harlow, 26, who lived with him in a semi in Wednesbury, admitted money laundering.

Jordan Pitts, 25, and Bladen Roper, 24, were convicted of assisting an offence. Police say the gang made an "eye-watering" sum in 2018 and 2019 with profits laundered via Bitcoin.

Officers who raided a shed in Tipton found a fake Xanax factory with an industrial powder mixer. A Wolverhampton garage held a tablet press machine, metal pill casts and stamps along with powders – and a handwritten recipe.

They will be sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court later.

Pictures: OMAZE / SWNS

£5m home up for grabs

Living it up... spacious reception

Luxury lifestyle... the top of the range kitchen, above, a swanky bathroom, right, and a view from the atrium through the triple height windows, below

Four-bed house is the most valuable property ever to be offered in UK prize draw

By **Frances Millar**

FEAST your eyes on a dream home that could change your life – and help save lives at the same time.

The stunning des res has been put up for grabs by Omaze and, at a whopping £5 million, it's the most valuable property ever offered in a UK prize draw.

Whoever gets the keys to the door won't be the only winner – because the draw is raising money for London's Air Ambulance Charity, supported by football legend David Beckham, *below*.

The four-bedroom property boasts a breathtaking reception area, with triple height windows.

There's a bespoke kitchen, with a large central island and Miele appliances.

And the bathrooms come with all the luxuries befitting a millionaire's lifestyle.

The 4,700 sq ft home also has a gym, games area and spa facilities. And as well as showcasing modern architectural design, the refurbishment celebrates the home's Victorian character. When you need a bit of outdoor space, head to the stunning 36ft-high roofless atrium, with its huge living wall bedecked with greenery.

Or take a stroll around the local area. The house is in London's posh Victoria Park village in Hackney – named one of the coolest neighbourhoods in the world by Vogue.

The prize property comes mortgage free, with all stamp duty and legal fees covered. And the winner will also get £250,000 cash. If they don't want to live in the house, they can sell it and cash in or rent it out – for an estimated £12,000 per month.

Meanwhile London's Air Ambulance Charity will be homing in on much-needed funds.

The charity, which helped more than 2,000 patients last year, is the only service in the capital that can perform life-saving interventions – like blood transfusions, and open chest surgery – at the scene. But it costs £15 million a year to provide the 365-day service. And the charity now needs an extra £15million to replace its two helicopters.

Omaze, which has raised more than £43million for UK good causes, has guaranteed a minimum donation of £1million. But "proud Londoner" Becks hopes even more will be raised. He said: "I hope people respond to this campaign so everyone in our city knows that London's Air Ambulance will be there if they need them."

Entries for the Omaze Million Pound House Draw, London, are available now at omaze.co.uk.

It closes on Sunday July 28 for online entries and Tuesday July 30 for postal entries.

For full terms and conditions, see www.omaze.co.uk. No purchase necessary to enter. Over-18s and UK residents only.

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Relationship... singer James and Gill

James Morrison's ex-partner left note on front door before she was found dead

By **Paul Jeeves** Crime Editor

THE former long-term partner of singer James Morrison left a note on her front door saying, "Don't come in, call the police", before she took her life, an inquest heard.

Cafe owner Gill Catchpole, 45, was found dead by the You Give Me Something singer, 39, after being alerted by a friend of hers.

The inquest heard James had just returned to recording new music after a career hiatus when their 17-year relationship ended.

But the pair continued living next door to each other for the sake of their children.

The inquest was told a friend found Gill's handwritten A4 note attached to her door after going to her home in the village of Whitminster, Gloucestershire, on January 5.

The friend went to James's house and the singer, who pals said was "devastated", found Gill's body after letting himself in with keys.

Suffering

Police and paramedics were called and Gill was pronounced dead at 9.37am. A post-mortem examination said she died from "ligature suspension".

The inquest heard Gill had been struggling with mental health issues.

Tests found an alcohol level of 190mg per 100ml of blood – more than twice the legal limit for driving.

But the inquest heard experts were unable to determine whether or not, or how much, the alcohol had affected Gill's state of mind at the time of her death.

Detective Sergeant David Kania, who investigated Gill's death, ruled out any foul play.

He told the Gloucester hearing: "I saw a series of handwritten notes on the lounge table which were addressed to the deceased's ex-partner, family and friends.

"There were no signs of a disturbance or third-party involvement.

"It has been relayed to me that close friends and family had indicated that Gill had been suffering with her mental health for the last year or so and since the split from her ex-partner.

"It is likely that this had a further negative detrimental impact on her mental health, which culminated in her taking actions which led to her untimely death."

The inquest heard Gill had suffered from kidney disease since 2008 and later had a transplant.

In a statement, her GP, Dr Emma Basker, said she had also suffered from "reoccurring mental ill health", including anxiety and PTSD, and had received medication, counselling and psychological therapy.

Recording a conclusion of suicide, Gloucestershire area coroner Roland Wooderson said: "It is quite clear to me that, sadly, at the relevant time Gill was in a difficult place mentally."

James was not at the hearing, which was attended by the family of Gill, including her mother, father and stepfather, as well as friends.

Singer-songwriter and guitarist James rose to fame in 2006 with You Give Me Something, which was followed by a number of hit singles and five Top 10 albums over 15 years.

Gill, who was by his side throughout his success, was an inspiration for his love songs.

The couple, who had two daughters, Elsie, 15, and Ada Rose, five, were engaged in 2006 and wore rings, but never married.

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Then the three-year-old fillies take the spotlight for the Coronation Stakes. Surprise 1,000 Guineas winner Elmalka (3:45pm) will hope to prove that was no fluke. Ramatuelle and Porta Fortuna filled the places at Newmarket. Opera Singer – third in the Irish 1,000 Guineas – adds further depth.

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Medal claims 'preposterous'

By **Paul Jeeves**

A POLICE chief who wore a Falklands War medal on his uniform made "utterly preposterous" claims about his brother's service in the conflict, a force disciplinary panel was told.

Northamptonshire Chief Constable Nick Adderley, 57, who would have been just 15 when the 1982 war started, is accused of gross misconduct by exaggerating his rank, length of service and naval achievements.

Adderley, *right*, told the panel the South Atlantic Medal he has been seen wearing since at least 2012 was given to him by his brother Richard before he emigrated to Australia in 2008.

But John Beggs KC, for the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, said Richard Adderley did not leave for the Falklands until July 2, 1982 – three weeks after the hostilities ended.

He said Richard applied for the SAM with rosette only last October – 10 days after Nick received a notice of investigation from the Independent Office for Police Conduct. The hearing is expected to conclude today.

Top plan...the pair will bag peaks including Great Gable

High hopes! Friends plan to conquer 48 peaks in 48 hours

Challenge...L-J and Gaby will raise funds for charity

EXCLUSIVE
By **Chris Riches**

TWO friends are planning the "Mount Everest" of UK charity challenges – by climbing 48 Lake District peaks in 48 hours.

Laura-Jane Matthews, 37, and Gaby Marks, 28, will hike a 56-mile circular route with a total elevation of around 21,000ft to raise money for the air ambulance.

Setting off a week tomorrow they will bag Cumbrian peaks including Fairfield, Helvellyn, Great Gable, the Langdales and Scafell.

Gaby and L-J, who work at Go Outdoors and are regular hikers, have set themselves a target of raising £1,000 for the Great North Air Ambulance Service and mountain rescue teams.

L-J said: "I had been talking about wanting to do something this year to push myself, perhaps for a charity.

"I'd mentioned it to Gaby and we'd both found some organised sponsored hikes, but they didn't seem that would really push us"

The friends initially considered a 33-peak challenge but did not want to do a point-to-point hike, so started planning a circular route.

L-J continued: "We agreed that we would aim to do the 33 peaks in 48 hours, but then I had a lightbulb moment and suddenly I said 48 peaks in 48 hours.

"So I sat and planned a circular route to include 48 peaks, starting in Rydal and ending in Grasmere."

The pair have been hiking together and solo at every opportunity to prepare for the challenge, as well as working out timings, fluid and food requirements, and suitable clothing.

L-J said: "Wanted to make sure we were both happy with the route and [get] no nasty surprises.

"We know we'll have up times and low times, but we know how to pick each other up and push each other."

L-J's partner Adam and a friend of Gaby's will also be on hand if they need help, and there will be checkpoints on the first day if they need any refreshments or supplies.

On the second day they plan to cover 29 miles without any checkpoints – while carrying all their own supplies.

L-J said: "We're hoping we get some people at the end to cheer us. It's my daughter's fourth birthday on the Monday so she'll be waiting for me. That's what will keep me going. Gaby also has some friends helping."

The pair set up a Crowdfunder page and have already raised over £650 for GNAAS and the mountain rescue teams.

L-J said: "We really didn't have to think twice who we wanted to raise money for. As hikers and living in an area where these services are absolutely essential, there was no one else we would rather choose.

"Without their services so many lives would be so different."

● *Sponsor the pair at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/48peaks-48hours*

£75k bill for prof who sued over Braveheart poster damage

Poster...prof's had broken frame

By **Richard Gittins**

A CELTIC history expert who sued a removals company for £19,000 for damage to belongings including his framed Braveheart film poster is £75,000 out of pocket after a judge rejected most of his claim.

Prof Raimund Karl was awarded just £120 for a broken light fitting, plastic containers and the poster featuring Mel Gibson, which had a smashed frame.

Judge Nigel Gerald also ordered the Quality Moving Group Ltd to pay £6,965 – Prof Karl's bill for hiring another firm after his belongings were taken only part of the way to his new home in Austria.

But the judge slammed the academic, who racked up £87,000 in legal fees, for not providing detailed photos of the damage – saying the case should never have been brought to Central London County Court but a small claims court.

He said: "Two of the containers weren't packed particularly well and there was some damage. But beyond that, there is no evidence as to what was missing or damaged.

"Its impossible, apart from three items, to get anywhere close to establishing what extent of damage was...

"A very large amount of money is being claimed and, absent any clear evidence, I cannot find that it is all the defendant's responsibility.

"Whilst the claim for delay was right and proper to pursue, it was really right and proper for them to confine their [damages] claim to [£120]. It was a waste of time."

He told Prof Karl and his wife: "Litigation is very expensive. It is time-consuming and emotionally consuming. It seems to me that it behoves a claimant to pursue cases that are based on solid evidence."

The complainant, who is emeritus professor of archaeology and heritage at Bangor University, relocated to Vienna with his wife in 2021 after taking up a research post there.

They paid £9,743 to the Quality Moving Group to move their belongings. Then, after long delays, they paid another firm to collect the items from a depot where they had been left.

The couple claimed some of their goods went missing or were ruined in transit, with packing boxes arriving at their destination "smelly and soggy". Mr Gerald rejected this but ruled the Quality Moving Group had committed "repudiatory breach of contract".

He awarded the Karls £8,147 damages including interest, plus £3,480 to cover the costs they would have run up in a small claims court.

Slammed by judge... Prof Raimund Karl

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Heinz Baked Beans and Sausages *(415g), Iceland, £2, 6 for £9*
SAVE: £3

Mug Shot Roast Chicken Pasta Snack *(55g), Morrisons, was £1, now 59p*
SAVE: 41p

Princes Beef Stew *(392g), Asda, £2.25, 2 for £3.50*
SAVE: £1

4 Mini Crispy Bake Pork Pies *(200g), Co-op, £2.45, 3 for 2*
SAVE: £2.45

Mini Cornish Pasties *(180g), Waitrose, £3.50, 2 for £5.50*
SAVE: £1.50

SWEET

Mr Kipling 6 Bramley Apple Pies, *Asda, £3, 2 for £2.50*
SAVE: £3.50

Pots & Co Little Pots 70% Chocolate Ganache, *(4x50g), Waitrose, was £3.50, now £2.50*
SAVE: £1

Hartleys Apple & Watermelon Ready to Eat Jelly *(175g), Tesco, 90p, 60p with Clubcard*
SAVE: 30p

Milk Chocolate Chip Cookies 5s, *Co-op, was £1.40, now £1.30*
SAVE: 10p

Fuel 10k High Protein Chocolate Porridge Pot *(70g), Iceland, £1.30, 5 for £5*
SAVE: £1.50

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SMART

With LAURETTE ZIEMER

Your festival get-set list

Festival season properly kicks in next week, with all the action at Glastonbury. And whether you're heading to Worthy Farm itself, camping in the back garden, or heading to another festival this summer, you'll need some kit.

But there's no need to break the bank – here are 15 deals to get your summer of fun and music (complete with rain!) under way.

**All prices correct at time of going to press*

CAMPING

Backpacker Lightweight 2-Man Tent, *Mountain Warehouse, was £109.99, now £64.99* **SAVE: £45**

Quechua Folding Camping Chair, *Decathlon, was £12.99, now £8.99* **SAVE: £4**

Odour Control Shoe Cube, *Craghoppers, was £14, now £5.50* **SAVE: £8.50**

Berghaus Transition 300 Sleeping Bag, *Go Outdoors, £78, Members Price £38* **SAVE: £40**

Adjustable Head Torch, *Regatta, was £40, now £27.95* **SAVE: £12.05**

CATERING

Stainless Steel Cutlery Set, *Mountain Warehouse, was £9.99, now £5.99* **SAVE: £4**

2L Whistling Kettle, *Decathlon, was £18, now £13* **SAVE: £5**

Koolatron 25L Ultra Cool Box, *The Range, was £54.81, now £49.99* **SAVE: £4.82**

2 Person Aluminium Cooking Set, *Regatta, was £30, now £8.95* **SAVE: £21.05**

Camp Bistro Elite Cooking Stove, *Go Outdoors, £40, Members Price £20* **SAVE: £20**

STAYING DRY

Unisex Expert Kiwi Ranger Hat, *Craghoppers, was £40, now £20* **SAVE: £20**

Women's Waterproof Overtrousers, *Decathlon, was £19.99, now £17.99* **SAVE: £2**

Orla Kiely Festival Poncho, *Regatta, was £90, now £44.95* **SAVE: £45.05**

Dunlop Pricemaster Wellingtons, *Go Outdoors, £20, Members Price £18* **SAVE: £2**

Pakka II Kids Waterproof Jacket, *Mountain Warehouse, was £22.99, now £14.99* **SAVE: £8**

What's new

For something a little bit different and interesting this summer, Sainsbury's is stocking the new Dr Funk range of delicious sparkling waters packed with vitamins and no sugar. Great if you fancy a bit of fizz, but don't want the sugar intake. They're refreshing on their own or as mixers. Choose between Mango & Violet or Lemon & Elderflower (4x330ml for £4).

Budget or Bust Festival Trolleys

SAVVY Foldable Camping Trolley, £59, Homebase

SPEND Utility Folding Trolley, £60, Wickes

SPLURGE Outsunny 90L Folding Trolley, £69.99, Amazon

Grab it

As the summer of sport begins, Co-op has launched a £5 pizza and drink supersaver for members who can save up to £4.10. Non-members pay £6. Running until July 19, choose two of three flavours of sharing-size pizzas – Stonebaked Margherita (320g), Stonebaked Meat Feast (356g) or Stonebaked Texan BBQ Chicken (355g) – plus a drink choice of either Budweiser Bottles (4x300ml), Coca-Cola Diet (4x330ml) or Coca Cola Zero Sugar (4x330ml).

Stock up

Asda has launched a new Chip Shop Curry Mayo (£1.10, 270g) as part of its range of summer-ready condiments. Inspired by the chippy tea favourite, curry sauce on chips, Asda's latest innovation is a creamy mayo packed with a blend of warming spices. Perfect for dipping and drizzling over chips. Chip Shop Curry Mayo joins other new condiments launching at Asda, such as Peri Peri Marinade and Ranch Dressing.

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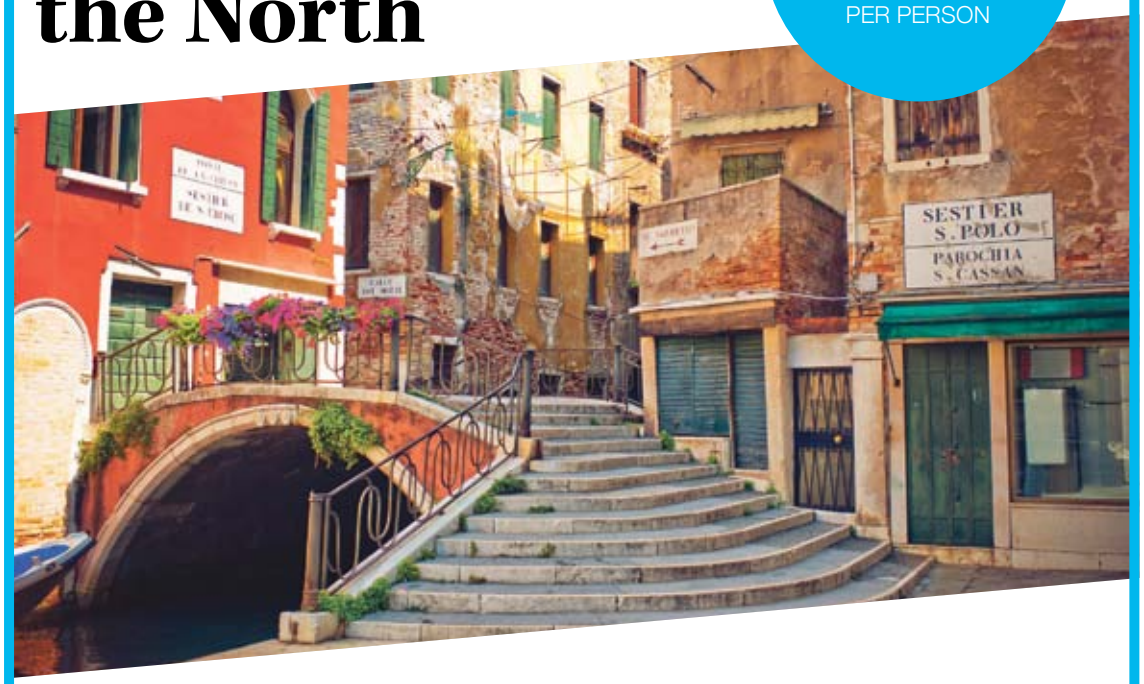

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Ambassadors Theatre, London, until September 14. Tickets: 03330 096 690

Characterful British musicals seem to be pouring out of the woodwork, and this one stomps on to the stage with its regional credentials intact. Two misfit girls – bespectacled bookworm Kathy (Bronte Barbe) and stroppy Goth Stella (Rebekah Hinds) – run a true-crime podcast from a Hull basement, discussing local celebrity serial killer The Hull Decapitator.

Evading "real" employment, they pursue a dream of becoming broadcast superstars and are thrilled when star crime writer Felicia Taylor (Hannah-Jane Fox), author of books with titles such as To Sir, With Blood, comes to Hull for the annual Murder Con.

When Felicia is found murdered, the girls turn detective to discover the culprit.

Punctuated by raucous songs and gestural dancing, the show's tatterdemalion antics are held together by the convincing friendship between two outsiders, particularly when it is threatened by their differing ambitions.

The outrageous performances – Fox and Imelda Warren-Green dine on the scenery with gusto – disguise heartfuls of humanity and a sharp social edge. Elliotte Williams-N'Dure's frustrated detective is a gem. Great band, too. It's a Hull of a show, my friends.

MISS JULIE ★★★★

Park90 Theatre, London, until July 6 Tickets: 020 7870 6876

Another week, another version of Strindberg's savage evisceration of sex, class and power. From Lidless Theatre – whose revival of Philip Ridley's Leaves of Glass was outstanding – director Max Harrison goes back to basics.

FANTASY Wise and Eldrid

The young cast play out Strindberg's mystery dance with unnerving authenticity as recently disengaged aristocrat Miss Julie (Katie Eldred) flirts with her father's manservant Jean (Freddie Wise) while cook Christine (Adeline Waby) looks on with dispassionate jealousy.

Flushed from dancing with the estate gamekeeper at a Midsummer Eve barn dance, Julie insists Jean join her in a waltz. Flattered but aware that he is being used, Jean succumbs and the power dynamics switch back and forth as each character tries to establish dominance.

Directed with a purity of purpose and played with commitment down to the bone, this is heady stuff. Christine's wordless scene as she busies herself in the kitchen while listening to the revelry is a silent aria of disappointment; Jean's speech disassembling Julie's escape fantasy is a model of articulate hysteria.

Julie herself is part femme fatale/part little girl lost, desperation staining her entitlement like blood on a sheet. Distilled down its essence, it is one of the best productions of this play I've seen in years.

GIFFORDS CIRCUS: AVALON ★★★

Chiswick House, London, UK Tour until September 29. Tickets: 01453 800200

Regular readers of this column will know of my enduring love for Giffords Circus. While their latest show is wonderful in parts there is something missing. Maybe it's the theme - Arthurian romance that never quite gels – or the absence of Tweedy (who has gone solo with his own show).

LEADS Rescue dog tricks

New clown Cuthbert (Tyler West) will undoubtedly become a favourite when he stops being too eager to please.

Director Cal McCrystal misses a few tricks and adds some unnecessary ones; the screen depicting the Lady of the Lake is poorly positioned and, while the miniature pony is cute, the theme begs for a horse dressed to joust.

On the plus side, the quartet of rescue dogs scampering around is a joy, the band and singer Nell O'Hara are impeccable, brother/sister act the Medinis are alluring whether skating together or performing separate balancing and hula hoop acts; the Ukrainian acrobatic act The Godfathers provide an awesome climax, and Maximiliano Stia, whose illusions come with a side order of comedy, is Merlin on the ridiculous.

Quibbles aside, it is a lovely way to spend a summer's evening inside and outside the little big top.

Weekend Films

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★★★★ Good
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Inspired by photojournalist Danny Lyon's 1968 book dedicated to the camaraderie of the Chicago Outlaws Motorcycle Club, The Bikeriders lights a slow-burning fuse on doomed romance and lawlessness at a pivotal moment in American history.

The Vietnam War casts a long shadow over writer-director Jeff Nichols' wistful drama, which is framed as a series of interviews in 1965 and 1973 between Lyon (Mike Faist) and a straight-talking young woman named Kathy (Jodie Comer), who gatecrashes a testosterone-soaked fraternity on two wheels founded by truck driver Johnny (Tom Hardy). She falls in love with biker Benny (Austin Butler) and they marry five weeks into their courtship. Alas, love is no match for the siren song of a revved motorcycle engine.

Comer vividly embodies her chatterbox with an unfaltering, melodic accent that imbues her narration with warmth and humour. On-screen chemistry with Oscar-nominated Elvis star Butler smoulders and Hardy leverages his imposing physicality to dominate scenes as the motorcycle club founder who insists that challenges to his authority are settled with bare knuckles or knives.

Explosions of violence are graphic but dramatically necessary, including a wince-inducing altercation with a shovel and a vivid depiction of domestic abuse. An attempted sexual assault during a booze-sodden party is staged with brio.

> **"Jodie Comer's on-screen chemistry with Austin Butler smoulders**

The plot drifts aimlessly for extended periods and some characters are sketched in broad strokes for expediency, but Nichols evokes a doom-laden era with conviction.

Ultimately, The Bikeriders is a handsomely crafted study of leather-jacketed machismo that stubbornly refuses to shift into top gear.

The script unfolds through the eyes of Comer's interloper, who is both intoxicated and horrified by her husband's unwavering devotion to the brotherhood.

Gently simmering romance shares a saddle with tragedy but Nichols' picture requires more fuel in the tank to firmly convince us to be in his gang for two hours.

SOMETHING IN THE WATER

Cert **15** ★★
In cinemas now

It has not been safe to go into the water since 1975 when director Steven Spielberg terrorised the fictional New England island of Amity with a flesh-hungry, great white shark.

Jaws concealed its titular terror by necessity because the mechanical prop sharks malfunctioned on location in the Atlantic Ocean.

The digitally rendered predator in Something In The Water is also absent for prolonged periods, forcing two-dimensional characters to tread water as director Hayley Easton Street merrily sets sail with a leaky script.

Dialogue capsizes from the moment a stricken bride-to-be loudly narrates her dire predicament ("You brought us to shark-infested waters the day before my wedding?") when she should be dreaming of tiger prawns and sea bass, not becoming fish food herself.

When a shark fin does surface here, it telegraphs the unhurried demise of the next protagonist without a compelling backstory.

A burst of Reach by S Club 7 provides heavy-handed foreshadowing. "We've got to all stick together/Good friends are there for each other..." harmonise the pop outfit.

Contrary heroines go out of their way to ignore this excellent advice and doggy-paddle into the slavering jaws of certain death.

Whatever is in the water of Street's film, I am not drinking it.

PREPARED Nicole Rieko Setsuko as Cam

I AM: CELINE DION

Cert **12** ★★★★
On Prime Video from June 25

BATTLE The singer has rare condition

In December 2022, award-winning singer Celine Dion posted a video on her Instagram account revealing she had been diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder, stiff person syndrome (SPS), which causes her muscles to spasm. Dion cancelled the remaining dates of her world tour to concentrate on her health and caring for twin sons Nelson and Eddy.

In the face of this life-altering illness, Dion allows cameras to document the unvarnished and deeply unsettling truth about SPS, which affects around one in a million people. Academy Award-nominated director Irene Taylor captures deeply distressing footage of a seizure that escalates from a spasm in one foot to crisis point with Dion issuing guttural screams of pain from inside her rigid body as medical staff rush to her aid.

"If I can't run, I'll walk. If I can't walk, I'll crawl. But I won't stop," tearfully proclaims Dion, who is advised that sound and stress are two key triggers of her condition. Home video footage and rare photographs bookmark childhood reminiscences and Dion's humour shines through during a visit to a warehouse where she stores old costumes ("When a girl loves her shoes, she makes them fit!"). She walks tall and defiant in Taylor's heartbreaking documentary.

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BAD DAY A struggling Crowe stars

THE EXORCISM

Cert 15 ★★
In cinemas now

At the beginning of The Exorcism, Russell Crowe's lapsed Catholic sits in a confessional booth and pleads forgiveness for his sins, which include "climbing inside a bottle for a couple of years" when he should have been caring for his wife and child.

His poorly written character might also consider atonement for the unholy mess of Joshua John Miller's disjointed horror, a half-baked film-within-a-film conceit that unleashes pure evil on the set of an ill-advised remake of The Exorcist, codenamed The Georgetown Project, which a bullying director (Adam Goldberg) loftily describes as "a psychological drama wrapped in the skin of a horror".

Aside from a couple of efficient jump scares, spine-tingling thrills are conspicuous by their absence. The plot careens off the rails in the final 20 minutes and flickers of discomfort are extinguished and replaced with bewilderment and frustration.

A thorny subplot concerning historic sexual abuse at the hands of Catholic priests is mishandled and the LGBTQ+ love story feels like an afterthought to loosely tether two female protagonists.

When it comes to editors Gardner Gould and Matthew Woolley performing a modern-day miracle and conjuring coherence from the escalating madness, alas those prayers go unanswered. Heaven help us all.

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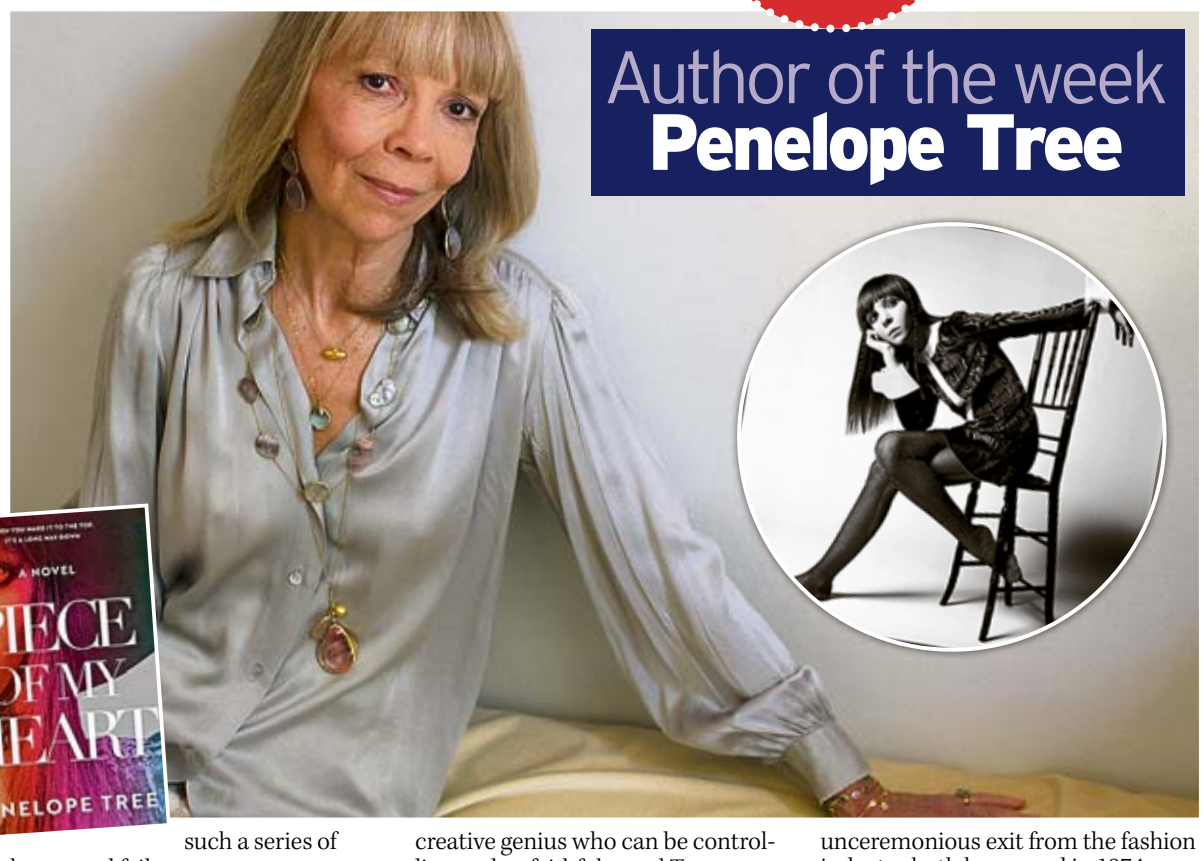
Author of the week
Penelope Tree

The 1960s supermodel talks about the pain and catharsis of her debut novel, based on her extraordinary life



Penelope Tree says being a feminist was "completely not a thing" back when she worked as a supermodel in the 1960s.

With her otherworldly look, American-born Tree was discovered as a teenager and swiftly became a key face of London's Swinging Sixties. She crashed out of the fashion industry in her twenties after developing severe late-onset acne, and has largely kept out of the spotlight since then.

Now 74, Tree is revisiting her past through a slightly unusual vehicle – rather than going down the tried and tested route of a memoir, she's written a work of fiction.

Piece Of My Heart follows teenager Ari, whose alien-like looks catch the attention of the fashion industry. She becomes a model, has a turbulent relationship with an older photographer, and her career comes to an abrupt end when she develops painful adult acne.

If a lot of that sounds remarkably familiar, Tree is keen to highlight that it's not strictly autobiographical. She grew up in New York, for one – not a stately English home like Ari – and many of the characters are composites of real people rather than being based on individuals.

But still, the similarities are there, with Tree explaining: "It was something I really wanted to talk about and write about for a long time. I think it was quite an important thing for me to do, it crystallised a lot of feelings that I had about that whole time, feeling like it had been such a series of losses and failures.

"I went up, and then I went plummeting down. I lost so much confidence and I wanted to look at it a bit more closely."

Reliving such a painful time "put me through a lot of emotion", Tree admits, while ultimately calling the writing process "cathartic".

"It was really helpful to me. I feel a lot more resolved with things that happened, even though it didn't happen exactly the way it is in the book. But somehow, using your imagination to work with the past can be really transformative."

One character who was plucked straight from reality is Ari's boyfriend, clearly inspired by Tree's former partner, photographer David Bailey. It's not the most flattering of portrayals – he's depicted as a creative genius who can be controlling and unfaithful – and Tree gave him full warning before the book was published.

"He's pretty cool about it," Tree notes, but she's also doubtful Bailey, now 86, will actually read the novel.

Tree's memories of this time are dominated by her relationship with Bailey, which is reflected in the book.

"When you fall in love, you have the illusion that you're wholly bonded – at one with the other person. And as the veil slowly peels away from your eyes, you realise it's really down to you in the end to be the person that you are."

The relationship flamed out dramatically, with Tree saying she then had to figure out how to survive "without depending on this person who was always so sure about everything". The split and her unceremonious exit from the fashion industry both happened in 1974, causing Tree to "lose all my confidence", she remembers.

"And it wasn't totally Bailey's fault, either. I just wasn't emotionally equipped to deal with being a professional. I was really young, but didn't listen. I was quite stubborn and didn't listen to people who knew better in the industry, and paid the consequences."

She wasn't the only one undergoing changes as the 1970s arrived. Tree says it was happening on a wider societal level too.

"It really went a lot darker," she says. "Suddenly the consequences of taking drugs and stuff like that started to hit people."

Tree herself was arrested in 1972 for possession of cocaine, which is mirrored in the book when Ari finds herself in a similar situation. Not that the 1960s were as rosy as you might think – something Tree wanted to make clear in Piece Of My Heart.

"People have an Austin Powers idea of how the '60s were but this was a very mixed time, certainly for girls and women.

"We often find that all the men have mostly all the power – there were very few women who really took the ball and ran with it.

"That was my experience. I was very passive, I suppose, and it's something I had to learn... how to be independent."

Tree spent decades out of the limelight – moving to Australia, having two children, discovering Buddhism – before returning to the UK in 1998, where she now lives in the south-east of England. She has tentatively returned to modelling, returning to the runway for a Fendi show in 2020, and appearing in Vivienne Westwood's spring/summer 2024 campaign alongside Naomi Campbell earlier this year.

"For many years, I felt very insecure and like I hadn't finished something properly, because of the whole thing that happened with my skin and having to leave so abruptly," she reflects.

"I had a bad feeling – a sort of trauma – and then 40 years passed. And actually, I had so much distance between what happened, and now I've met so many creative people, which is what I always loved most about the whole thing."

While she's enjoying dipping her toe back into the world of fashion, Tree has always wanted to be a writer – and publishing her first novel is a big step forward for her.

If she was going to give a piece of advice to her younger self, it would be this: "Get a move on with writing. Don't wait 50 years to write your first novel."

■ **Piece Of My Heart by Penelope Tree is published by Moonflower Publishing, priced £18.99. Available now.**

Four new books to read this week

FICTION

Spoilt Creatures

by Amy Twigg, hardback by Tinder Press, £18.99 (ebook £9.99)

Amy Twigg's debut novel follows Iris, a 32-year-old single and lonely woman who is drawn to Hazel, a resident of a local women's commune in the Kent Downs. Enticed by the opportunity to escape the men who have let her down and the oppressions of society, Iris joins the commune.

However, she quickly realises that even within this group of women, power dynamics are at play, especially under the leadership of the domineering Blythe. When a group of men descends upon the farm, the women's existence is threatened. Twigg's storytelling is captivating yet unsettling, drawing readers into a complex emotional landscapes of characters. **9/10**

The Switch

by Lily Samson, hardback by Century, £14.99 (ebook £7.99)

Lily Samson's fast-paced debut thriller will have readers gripped as Elena and partner Adam get sucked into the intriguing world of their glamorous neighbours Sophia and Finn.

The disturbing plot, inspired by Roald Dahl's 1974 short story The Great Switcheroo, sees Elena and Sophia start a bizarre secret swap, sneaking into each other's houses in affluent Wimbledon at night to climb into bed with the other's unsuspecting partner. It's gradually revealed that this is more than just a way to spice up their relationships, with Alfred Hitchcock fan Samson offering twist after twist. Luckily, the signposting isn't so heavy handed as to make it predictable. **8/10**

Eruption

by James Patterson and Michael Crichton, hardback by Century, £22 (ebook £10.99)

Renowned thriller writer James Patterson was asked to complete an unfinished book about a volcanic eruption started by Jurassic Park author Michael Crichton before his death. The collaboration has produced an extraordinary story, building slowly just like a volcano, and exploding into a dramatic finish. Set in Hawaii, Eruption charts a race against time to save an island, and possibly entire countries, against lava reaching deadly canisters containing radioactive waste. It's a ticking time bomb as scientists and the high-ranking military have to work out how it can be defused before death and destruction result. An astonishing story. **8/10**

NON-FICTION

Lucky

by Louise Thompson, hardback by Ebury Spotlight, £22 (ebook £11.99)

Former Made In Chelsea star turned influencer and fitness entrepreneur Louise Thompson reveals the shocking truth of what happened to her during the birth of her son Leo in this raw and searingly honest memoir. Anyone who follows the 34 year old on social media will know she's suffered a myriad of physical and mental health problems since becoming a mother two-and-a-half years ago, but the book details how she nearly died twice after two haemorrhages and the PTSD she was left with. It's harrowing and heartbreaking, but important in a world where women often aren't listened to regarding their health. **9/10**

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ALBUM RELEASES

The Voice will go on

Celine Dion
I Am: Celine Dion

The Voice is back. Not fully – Celine Dion is still battling the debilitating effects of Stiff Person Disease. But this is the soundtrack to her new documentary, and a statement of intent.

Celine has vowed to return to live performances later this year for the first time since March 2020.

This compilation packs in the huge emotional power ballads that made the French-Canadian singer a 1990s superstar and more recently a Vegas fixture.

Hits like Because You Loved Me and My Heart Will Go On – forever associated with 1997's Titanic movie – have extra poignancy now.

Celine lost her husband and her brother in 2016, and was

then forced to stop singing live by her rare neurological disorder.

Last year's moving piano ballad Love Again was part of the healing process.

She sings, "The sun will rise again, the storms subside again/ This is not the end, and you will love again."

This 20-song album ranges from her 1993 cover of Jennifer Rush's The Power Of Love – her first US chart-topper – to upbeat belters like River Deep Mountain High where the sheer potency of that unmistakable voice shines through.

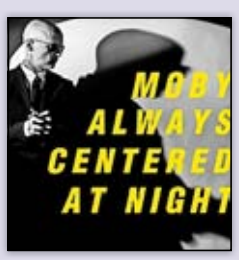
There are four French numbers, including her sublime 1995 signature tune, Pour Que Tu M'Aimes Encore, and the more recent J'Irai Ou Tu Iras, a Meatloaf-lite rocker.

There are also seven original instrumental tracks, composed for the doc by cellist Redi Hasa.

Dion has had an incredible career. A professional singer at 14, she has sold more than 250million albums since her 1981 French language debut – 60m of them in 1997 and 98 alone.

For a time, it became fashionable to dismiss Celine as humourless – she isn't – and somehow naff. These songs remind you of her remarkable talent.

Tragic but triumphant, The Voice will go on.



Moby
Always Centered At Night

The world's best-loved techno-pop vegan is in a downbeat mood on his 22nd album. The tracks are lush but snoozy and largely forgettable. Highs include Where Is Your Pride? with late dub-poet Benjamin Zephaniah reciting lyrics over a breakbeat, the clubby Should Sleep, and the morosely soulful Transit featuring Gaidaa.

Carly Pearce
Hummingbird

Kentucky-born Carly ups the stakes with a confident fourth album packed with personality. She co-wrote all but one of the 14 tracks, ranging from the feisty Heels Over Head to bluegrass ballads. Country Music Made Me Do It is a tongue-in-cheek hymn to going off the rails. Classy, catchy country pop soused in moonshine.

King & Country
Unsung Hero

The Aussie-born US brothers took their name from an English battle cry and chalked up platinum sales. This guest-studded soundtrack from their new biopic refreshes 90s songs. Best is She Believes, about their mum. Like everything the Grammy-winning Christian brothers do, it's heartfelt, uplifting pop, tastefully delivered.

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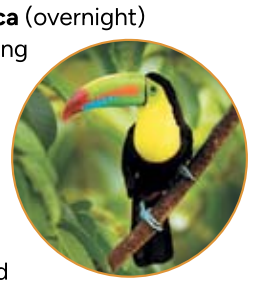

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Turn on, tune in, drop off

Mike Ward previews tonight's TV

MUSIC festivals have never really been my thing. I've attended only one, and that was a good many years ago. I can't remember who was topping the bill, but given that I was in my early 20s at the time, I'm guessing it must have been Vera Lynn, George Formby or Glenn Miller and his orchestra.

My problem isn't the actual music, however. No, far from it. I'm a huge music fan.

I own every long-playing record Showaddywaddy have ever recorded; I think you'll agree that says it all. No, my problem is simply that I would much rather watch this sort of thing in my own home on my own television.

I get a far better view (the same applies to cricket: I can't see a blinking thing if I'm at the ground), I save a small fortune, I avoid all the faff and, when an act comes on that I don't particularly care for, I can switch over to EastEnders for a while and watch some people getting inordinately cross about this or that (an act of infidelity? This week's murder? The price of carrots? There's always something) and resolving their issues by shouting in each other's faces.

"Oh, but what about the festival atmosphere, Mike?" some will cry. To which I'll reply: "Ah, yes, of course, I'd forgotten that. There's the festival atmosphere as well. All those people, a sea of them, as far as the eye can see. More than 200,000, I gather. No, thanks."

So, yes, television is a godsend for music fans such as me, who don't particularly enjoy sleeping under canvas, or queuing for hours on end for something which purports to be a toilet. Then there's the problem of having your view of the stage blocked by some airhead's Greenpeace or CND flag or by those selfish ninnies who insist on sitting on their ninny chums' shoulders because otherwise, guess what, they can't see the stage.

It means, for example, that when I spot **ISLE OF WIGHT FESTIVAL** 2024 in the *Sky Arts* schedules, as indeed I do tonight (Sky Arts is free-to-air, remember), I can base my viewing choices entirely on the appeal or otherwise of each act and watch them without moving around the stages and getting my boots muddy.

So, on this opening night of coverage (and this is the running order of the performances Sky will be bringing us, starting at *7pm*, rather than how things are playing out in real time), I can say yes or no – or maybe – to The Bootleg Beatles (yes), Scouting For Girls (maybe), Crowded House (yes), The Streets (nah, you're all right), The Darkness (ditto), The Prodigy (ditto), Johnny Marr (yes) and The Pretenders (yes).

Having said that, the coverage does go on a bit, finishing at 1am. The odds are I'll have flaked out long before then.

Still, provided I'm awake for Hey Jude, I'll be happy enough.

PICKS OF THE DAY

Sport: MOTD Live: Uefa Euro 2024, BBC1, 7.30pm

Netherlands vs France (kick-off 8pm). Coverage of the Group D match from Leipzig, as two former champions face each other. Ronald Koeman's Dutch team, including goalscorer in the previous game Wout Weghorst (left) are looking to win their first major title since 1988, when they beat the Soviet Union 2-0 in the final. Since then they have reached the semi-finals twice in the Euros, while also making the final four at the World Cup three times. The French have fared better in major tournaments since 1988, winning the World Cup twice and also reaching the final of this competition twice, including one victory in 2000.

Factual: Rubbish Tip Britain, C4, 8pm

A look inside the lucrative world of waste crime with surveillance footage and interviews from insiders. Exposing how banned waste has been dumped in a major landfill site for years, seemingly without the authorities noticing, while posing a risk to human health. This film reveals new satellite data suggesting hundreds of unregulated waste dumps are being operated and investigates evidence of the role of organisations engaging in illegal fly-tipping, with little fear of action against them.

Drama: Dalgliesh: The Murder Room, C5, 8pm

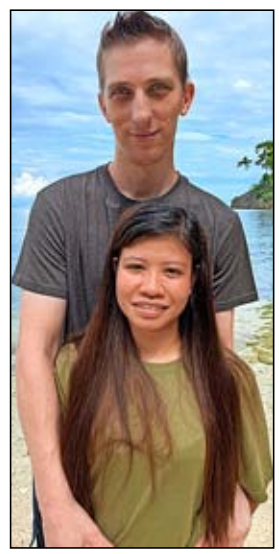
A young doctor is set on fire in the grounds of his family museum. Everyone who works there comes under suspicion – including his own siblings. The detective later informs everyone that a second person has died, but nobody remembers seeing the victim, and Caroline shows Dalgliesh around a curious private flat that leads into the murder room. Crime drama, starring Bertie Carvel (above), with Michelle Duncan.

Film: Emma, BBC3, 7pm

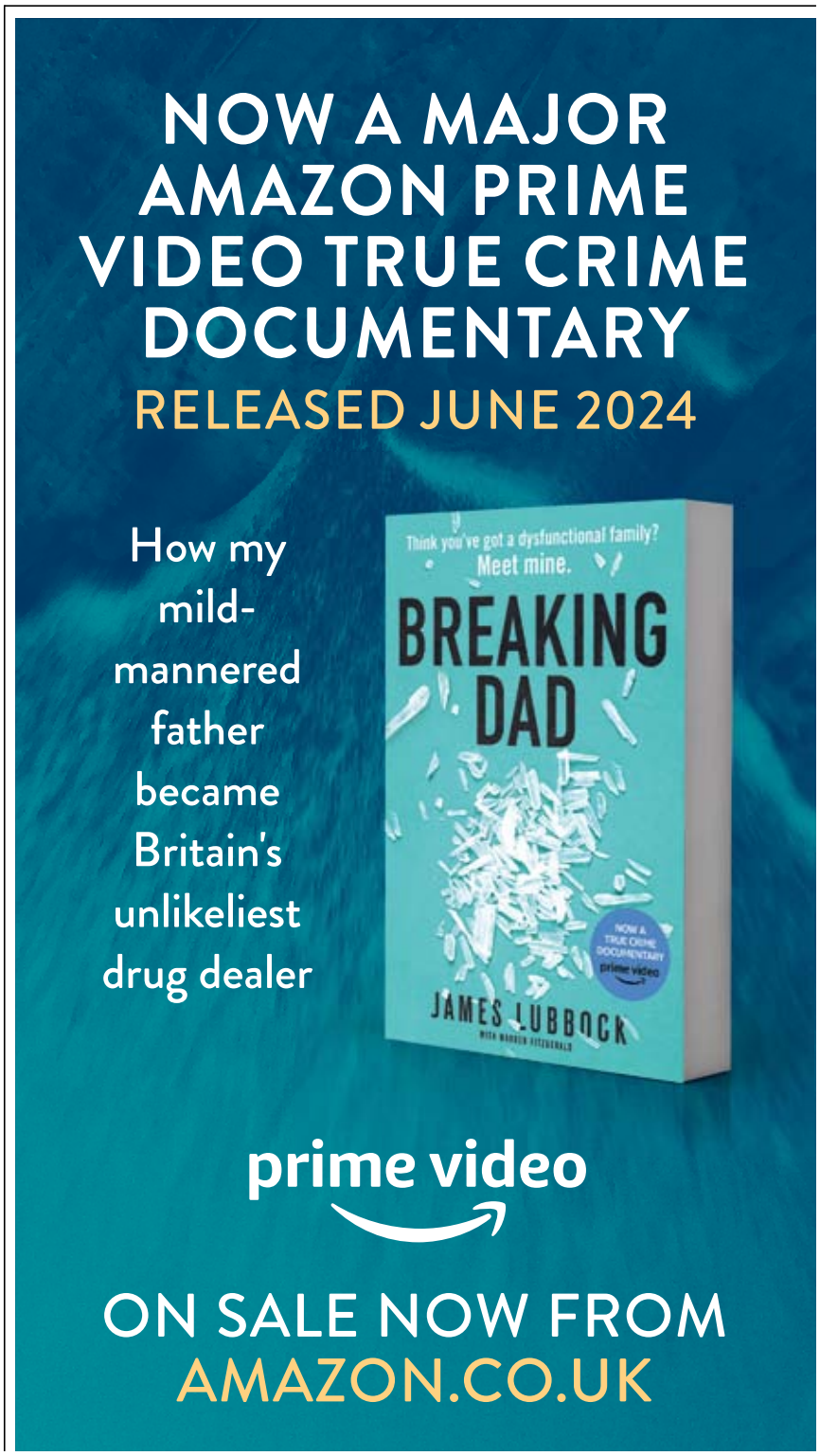
Jane Austen's tale of love and matchmaking is brought to the big screen with Anya Taylor-Joy (above, with Mia Goth) as the meddling romantic causing havoc in Georgian England. Lavish sets make the 200-year-old story feel fresh, with director Autumn de Wilde's skilful use of a talented cast bringing a new perspective. Taylor-Joy plays Emma with wit and intelligence, with excellent comic turns from the likes of Bill Nighy.

Documentary: The Nevermets, C4, 10pm

Thirtysomething Matt from Warrington gets to experience a physical relationship for the very first time as he gets to know Maria (right, with Matt) – his online girlfriend of three years. However, his lack of diplomacy with Maria's family soon threatens the future of their relationship. Sarah and Jgoy await a decision on Jgoy's tourist visa that will allow him into the UK, while Leah arrives in Fargo, USA, to meet her lover Chad who, at 48 years old, is twice her age.



DID YOU KNOW? Before becoming an actor Anya Taylor-Joy trained in dance, studying ballet until the age of 15, before being scouted as a model, aged 17, while out walking her dog in Knightsbridge, London.



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All programmes are listed in British Summer Time (BST).

film ratings

★★★★★ Brilliant
★★★★ Very Good
★★★ Good
★★ Average
★ Bad

(R) Repeat

BBC One

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Morning Live Gethin Jones and Sara Cox co-host the morning magazine show.
10.45 Scam Interceptors The team foil scammers in India.
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Properties in Whitstable, Bedworth and Torquay. (R)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Roo Irvine learns about rare royal memorabilia in Oswestry.
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
1.30 *LIVE* **MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024** Slovakia v Ukraine (kick-off 2.00pm). The Group E match from Dusseldorf Arena, as both sides play their second group game.
4.15 Antiques Road Trip Double bill. Hettie Jago and David Harper are in the Lake District; in the shops of Lancashire. (R)
5.15 Pointless Quiz show, hosted by Alexander Armstrong, with guest co-host Lucy Porter. (R)
6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather
6.30 Regional News; Weather
6.55 Party Election Broadcast From Reform UK.

BBC Two

6.15am Homes Under the Hammer Semi-detached houses in Stoke, Wirral and Gillingham. (R)
7.15 Escape to the Country A couple search for a home in the Lake District. (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: Mammals Mammals that have adapted to survive in cold conditions. (R)
9.00 BBC News Headlines.
12.15pm Politics Live The big political issues of the day.
1.00 *LIVE* **Tennis: Queen's** The cinch Championships. Clare Balding presents coverage of day five of the men's grass-court tournament at Queen's Club, featuring the singles quarter-finals.
6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Jasmine Harman, Dave Johns, Suzannah Lipscomb and Jason Mohammad. (R)
6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes Dragons' Den star Sara Davies takes Robson gorge-walking in Teesdale to introduce him to her way of getting close to nature. (R)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.
9.00 Lorraine Entertainment, current affairs and fashion news, as well as showbiz stories and celebrity gossip. Presented by Lorraine Kelly.
10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.
12.30pm Loose Women Celebrity interviews and topical debate.
1.00 ITV News; Weather
1.20 Regional News; Weather
1.30 *LIVE* **ITV Racing: Royal Ascot** Francesca Cumani and Ed Chamberlin present coverage of the fourth day of the meeting, including the 3.05 Commonwealth Cup, plus races at 2.30 and 3.40. Coverage continues on ITV4.
4.15 *LIVE* **UEFA Euro 2024** Poland v Austria (kick-off 5.00pm). Laura Woods presents coverage of the Group D match taking place at Olympiastadion Berlin.

Channel 4

6.25am Cheers Double bill. (R)
7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)
9.05 Frasier Four episodes. (R)
11.05 Great Canal Journeys (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News
12.10 Help! We Bought a Village The last wedding party of the season is planned at a French medieval village. (R)
1.10 Car S.O.S Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw restore a Renault 5 GT Turbo. (R)
2.10 Countdown Greg Rusedski guests in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 A Place in the Sun Double bill. The search for a holiday home on Spain's southern Costa Blanca; another search on Spain's Costa Blanca. (R)
5.00 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses Sharon and Steve Garner help a couple from Reading find a holiday home.
6.00 Four in a Bed Payment Day sees Iain and Tracey fight back against their critics. (R)
6.30 The Simpsons Lisa goes on a rampage and Bart is bullied into stealing a road sign. (R)

Channel 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
11.15 Storm Huntley Debate.
12.45pm Friends Double bill. Joey avoids Rachel; Ross and Monica's parents celebrate their wedding anniversary. (R)
1.40 5 News at Lunchtime
1.45 Home and Away Alf is sceptical of the film crew's intentions with their town. (R)
2.15 *FILM* **She Went Missing** (2022, 12) A reporter's long-dormant stalker re-emerges when she returns to her home town to investigate the disappearance of her childhood best friend. Thriller, starring Corbin Reid. ★★
4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Val has some new products and new ideas. (R)
5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.
6.00 Party Election Broadcast From Plaid Cymru.
6.05 Police Interceptors A suspected drunk driver runs at Jim holding a knife, and Dan is left with no choice but to use his Taser (R); 5 News Update

5.15pm, POINTLESS: Lucy Porter

8pm, GARDENERS' WORLD: Frances Tophill

4.15pm, LIVE UEFA EURO 2024: Robert Lewandowski

10pm, THE NEVERMETS: Matt and Maria

8pm, DALGLIESH: Bertie Carvel

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7.00 The Panorama Interviews with Nick Robinson Nick Robinson interviews the leader of Reform UK, Nigel Farage.
7.30 *LIVE* **MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024** Netherlands v France (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the Group D match, as two former champions face each other in an eagerly awaited encounter. Ronald Koeman's Dutch team are looking to win their first major title since 1988, and got off to a winning start when they came back from behind to defeat Poland 2-1. France also claimed a hard-fought win, with an own goal separating the sides. However, the victory may have come at a cost, with Kylian Mbappe suffering an injury. Gary Lineker presents, with commentary from Steve Wilson and Jermaine Jenas.

7.00 The One Show Alex Jones and Vernon Kay present the usual mix of celebrity guests and stories about people in extraordinary circumstances.
7.30 Beechgrove Garden Brian Cunningham and Carole Baxter offer tips on alpines.

7.30 Emmerdale Kerry's plan backfires, Belle hides the truth from Tom, and Dawn admits her worries to Will. Long-running soap following the ups and downs of village life amid the rolling scenery of the Yorkshire Dales.

7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the latest sports and weather reports.
7.55 Party Election Broadcast From the Green Party.

7.00 Lidl: Middle Aisle Secrets & More A behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of the supermarket, shedding light on the tricks of the trade and how to get the best out of the famous middle aisle offerings (R); 5 News Update

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8.00 Gardeners' World Frances Tophill spends the day at Powderham Castle in Devon with her friend Jeanette, who has been transforming part of the walled garden. Meanwhile, Toby Buckland explores the gardens at Wollerton Old Hall.

8.00 Coronation Street Kevin gets caught on camera by Stefan, Steve orders Cassie to toe the line at Number 1, Joseph upsets Chesney by embellishing the truth to his school friends, and Joel picks Sabrina for his new target.

8.00 Rubbish Tip Britain: Dispatches Documentary exposing how banned waste has been dumped for years in a major landfill site, seemingly unnoticed by the authorities, while posing a risk to human health.

8.00 Dalgliesh When a young doctor is set on fire in the grounds of his family museum, everyone who works there comes under suspicion – including his own siblings. The detective later informs everyone that a second person has died, but nobody remembers seeing the victim, and Caroline shows Dalgliesh around a curious private flat that leads into the Murder Room. Crime drama based on PD James' best-selling novels, starring Bertie Carvel and Carlyss Peer.

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9.00 Chinook: Zulu Delta 576 Part two of two. In the wake of the 1994 helicopter crash in the Mull of Kintyre, the RAF blames the pilots, leading to a 14-year campaign to clear their names. The families of the victims share their stories.

9.00 Beat the Chasers Bradley Walsh hosts as contestants from across the UK take on Chasers Darragh Ennis, Mark Labbett, Jenny Ryan, Issa Schultz and Shaun Wallace, hoping to win big money. (R)

9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox A rolling cast of famous faces – including Mo Gilligan, Andi Oliver, Rylan Clark, Sara Cox, Stephen Mangan, Gyles Brandreth and Shaun Ryder – critique the week's biggest television shows.

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10.10 BBC News at Ten
10.40 Regional News; Weather
10.50 *FILM* **Ant-Man** (2015, 12) A thief trying to go straight is recruited by a scientist who provides him with a suit that gives him the power to shrink. He must use his new skills to carry out a special mission – helping the inventor to steal back his technology from a ruthless businessman who intends to turn it into a deadly weapon. Superhero adventure, starring Paul Rudd and Michael Douglas. ★★★★

10.00 QI Rosie Jones, Henning Wehn and Ahir Shah join regular Alan Davies on the comedy panel quiz, with Sandi Toksvig asking questions on the theme of 'Tea Time'. (R)
10.30 Newsnight Headline analysis with Kirsty Wark.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather
10.35 Regional News; Weather
10.45 UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights Celina Hinchcliffe presents action from the latest matches in Germany, featuring Netherlands v France and Poland v Austria in Group D.

10.00 The Nevermets Matt from Warrington gets to experience a physical relationship as he gets to know Maria – his online girlfriend of three years. However, his lack of diplomacy with Maria's family soon threatens their relationship.

10.00 *LIVE* **Championship Boxing: Arthur vs Cameron** Lyndon Arthur v Liam Cameron. Coverage of the light-heavyweight bout at Bolton Whites Hotel. Arthur will be looking to get back to winning ways after losing on points to one of the world's leading pound-for-pound boxers in Dmitrii Bivol last time out in December. Cameron's last outing came in March, when he stopped Hussein Itaba in the first round, but Arthur should be a considerably tougher proposition.

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11.05 The Stormtrooper Scandal Documentary telling the story of London art curator Ben Moore and his controversial Art Wars NFT project, which involved the sale of over 1,100 Stormtrooper helmets only available online as NFTs. (R)

11.50 Adam Lambert: Out, Loud & Proud American singer and Queen frontman Adam Lambert brings his own unique perspective as he explores how British LGBTQ+ artists have fought for their place in the music industry. (R)

11.05 *FILM* **The Inbetweeners 2** (2014, 15) The awkward teenagers find university does not live up to their expectations, and go to Australia in search of adventure. Comedy sequel, starring Simon Bird and James Buckley. ★★★★

12 midnight

12.40am Euro 2024 Match Replay. Netherlands v France. Another chance to see the Group D match from Leipzig Stadium, as both teams played their second contest of the tournament. Commentary from Steve Wilson and Jermaine Jenas. **2.20** Weather for the Week Ahead **2.25-6.00am** BBC News

12.35am Sign Zone: Undercover School: Cruelty in the Classroom – Panorama. A documentary from the BBC. (R) **1.05** Sign Zone: Springwatch (R) **2.05** Sign Zone: David & Jay's Touring Toolshed (R) **2.35** Sign Zone: On Thin Ice: Putin vs Greenpeace (R) **3.05-6.15am** This Is BBC Two

12.50am Shop on TV **3.00** The Larkins. Ma organises her own sting operation when Norma confesses to her that Pop was set up by the Jerebohms. Bradley Walsh and Joanna Scanlan star. (R) **3.50** Unwind with ITV **5.05-6.00am** Katie Piper's Breakfast Show. With Kate Nash. (R)

12.55am *FILM* Mortal Engines (2018, 12) Fantasy adventure, starring Hera Hilmar. ★★★★ **3.00** Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back. Gordon Ramsay and his team arrive at Blend on Main in New Jersey. (R) **3.45** Come Dine with Me (R) **5.55-6.00am** Sunday Brunch Best Bits (R)

12.05am *FILM* The Warriors (1979, 15) Action adventure, with Michael Beck. ★★★★ **1.45** PlayOJO Live Casino Show **3.45** Britain by Bike with Larry & George Lamb (R) **4.30** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up (R) **5.20** Entertainment News on 5 **5.25** Fireman Sam (R) **5.35-6.00am** Paw Patrol (R)

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6.00am CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep

6.00 Catchphrase Celebrity Special Tim Healy, Mark Wright and Alexandra Mardell take part for a charity prize.

7.00 Deal or No Deal Gameshow.

8.00 The Masked Singer US The stars of Sesame Street bring the fun in this special themed episode.

9.00 Love Island A dramatic third week in paradise comes to an end.

10.05 The Stand Up Sketch Show

10.35 Family Guy Animated double bill.

11.35 American Dad! Stan and Francine split their house down the middle.

12.05am American Dad! **12.35** The Sex Lives of College Girls **1.40** Celebrity Karaoke Club **2.40-3.00am** Unwind

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7.00am Unwind with ITV **7.05** Sugar Showdown **7.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **8.35** Masters of Flip **9.35** Buying and Selling **10.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **11.35** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex **2.05** Dinner Date **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: LA **4.00** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **5.00** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City

6.00 Masters of Flip An old farmhouse.

7.00 Million Dollar Listing: LA Altman and Tracy list a historic Hollywood estate.

8.00 Dinner Date Nicole from Kent is given five different menus, each put together by a potential blind date.

9.00 Botched Double bill. A cosplayer hopes to make her body more comical; advice on a 'cheeky' transformation.

11.00 Ready to Mingle Sophia puts the boys on trial to test them one last time.

12.35-1.00am Unwind with ITV

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7.00pm FILM **Emma** (2020, U) In Regency-era England, wealthy Emma Woodhouse proceeds to interfere in the romantic affairs of her friends. Adaptation of Jane Austen's novel, starring Anya Taylor-Joy. ★★★★

8.55 The Catch Up The day's news.

9.00 Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens Double bill. Sian's mind is blown to discover reports of hundreds of UFO sightings; Sian's investigation concludes.

10.00 FILM **Booksmart** (2019, 15) On the eve of their high-school graduation, two academic superstars and best friends realise they should have worked less and played more. Comedy, with Kaitlyn Dever. ★★★★

11.35 Ladhood Comedy double bill.

12.25am Peacock **1.25** Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster **2.10** Ladhood **3.00-4.00am** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens: double bill

BBC4 Freeview 9

7.00pm TOTP: 1996 Andi Peters presents the pop chart programme.

7.30 TOTP: 1996 Beertje Van Beers presents the pop chart programme.

8.00 TOTP: 1992 Performances by Take That, the Orb, Sophie B Hawkins and Utah Saints.

8.30 TOTP: 1978 Presented by David Jensen. Broadcast June 22, 1978.

9.00 Studio 54 The story of the New York City nightclub.

10.35 Disco at the BBC: Volume 3 With classics from the archives.

11.35 Disco: Soundtrack of a Revolution A look at how disco fell victim to a violent backlash.

12.35am Glastonbury Anthems. Featuring Radiohead and Blondie. **1.05** Glastonbury Anthems. Featuring Amy Winehouse, Jay-Z and Neil Diamond. **1.35** Glastonbury Anthems **2.05** We Love Glastonbury **3.05-3.35am** TOTP: 1978

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6.00am Breakfast with Stephen and Anne **9.30** Britain's Newsroom **12.00noon** Good Afternoon Britain **3.00** Martin Daubney. Updates.

6.00 Dewbs & Co Plain-speaking, straight-talking – Michelle Dewberry delivers her take on the day's news.

7.00 Vote 2024: The People Decide Complete coverage of the general election campaign, as parties try to win the keys to Number 10.

8.00 Friday Night Live with Mark Dolan Discussion and debate.

9.00 Patrick Christys Tonight

11.00 Headliners An all-star comedy cast take an intelligent and insightful look at tomorrow's headlines. With Simon Evans and Dominic Frisby.

12.00m't Vote 2024: The People Decide **1.00** Friday Night Live with Mark Dolan **2.00** Headliners Replay **3.00** Patrick Christys Tonight Replay **5.00-6.00am** Headliners Replay

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6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** Yianni: Supercar Customiser **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK **9.00** Top Gear Winter Olympics Special **10.00** Top Gear **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes **2.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg

6.00 Rick Stein's Spanish Christmas Festive dishes inspired by Spain.

7.00 Would I Lie to You? With Bob Mortimer, Gabby Logan, Katherine Parkinson and Steve Backshall.

7.40 Richard Osman's House of Games

9.00 QI XL Guests include Dara O Briain.

10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You

11.00 Taskmaster Gameshow.

12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.40** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.40** Live at the Apollo: Christmas Special **3.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

Drama Freeview 20

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** London's Burning **8.00** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** London's Burning **3.00** Lovejoy **4.10** Tenko **5.10** Birds of a Feather

6.00 Waiting for God Comedy.

6.40 Are You Being Served? Comedy.

7.20 Last of the Summer Wine

8.00 Father Brown The priest hopes that a broken leg will not prevent him from solving the mystery surrounding the death of a member of Kembleford's WI.

9.00 Sister Boniface Mysteries Sister Boniface finds herself investigating the disappearance of a TV show's creator.

10.00 New Tricks Gerry and Steve investigate the murder of a bookie.

11.20 Soldier, Soldier Joy plans a party while the men are on their training exercise.

12.30am Footballers' Wives. Glossy drama. **1.40** Lovejoy **2.45** Classic Holby City **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

E4 Freeview 13

6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill

6.00 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.

7.00 Hollyoaks Lucas and Dillon reunite.

7.30 Come Dine with Me Business owner and socialite Maz plays host.

8.00 Dance Moms The hostility between Abby and Kelly continues.

9.00 FILM **Mission: Impossible** (1996, PG) Thriller, starring Tom Cruise. ★★★★

11.25 Naked Attraction Singletons from Bristol and Basingstoke choose dates from six naked people.

12.30am The Big Bang Theory: double bill **1.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill **2.30** Modern Family **3.20** Dance Moms **4.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **5.00-6.00am** The Neighborhood

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8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30pm** Come Dine with Me **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY

6.55 Car S.O.S Tim and Fuzz go on a trip to Cambridgeshire to pick up their very first supercar, a rare 1989 Ultima race car.

7.55 Grand Designs Kevin revisits traditional builder Paul and his wife Carol who, in 2015, set out to create a bold, fortress-like home on the southern edge of the West Pennine Moors in Bolton.

9.00 New Zealand by Train Part two of two. Train journeys along the length of New Zealand's North Island.

10.00 24 Hours in A&E Double bill. A man is treated after falling off a ladder; patients include 54-year-old John, who was involved in a cycling accident in which he went over his handlebars.

12.10am 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **1.15-3.40am** The Twelve: Cinderella Murder. Courtroom drama.

Variations & S4C

WALES As BBC1 except: 6.30pm BBC Wales Today; Weather **7.00** BBC Wales General Election Debate. Questions for leading figures, live from Cardiff. **8.00-10.10** LIVE MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024. Netherlands v France (kick-off 8.00pm). The Group D match from Leipzig Stadium. **10.40** BBC Wales Today; Weather **10.50** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens. Sian's mind is blown to discover reports of hundreds of UFO sightings. **11.20** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens. Sian's investigation concludes. **11.50** Mavericks: Sport's Lost Heroes. A profile of former boxer David Pearce. **12.25-12.40am** Weatherman Walking

WALES As BBC2 except: 6.30pm Springwatch in Wales. Fledging dippers and kingfishers. **7.30** MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024. Netherlands v France. Gary Lineker presents live build-up to the match. **8.00** The Panorama Interviews with Nick Robinson **8.30** Gardeners' World **9.30-10.30pm** Chinook: Zulu Delta 576

MERIDIAN As ITV1 except: 10.35-10.45pm ITV News Meridian. The latest headlines.

CENTRAL As ITV1 except: 10.35-10.45pm ITV News Central. The latest headlines.

ITV WALES As ITV1 except: 10.35-10.45pm ITV News Cymru Wales. The latest headlines.

WEST As ITV1 except: 10.35-10.45pm ITV News West Country. The latest headlines.

ANGLIA As ITV1 except: 10.35-10.45pm ITV News Anglia. Round-up of the latest headlines.

WESTCOUNTRY As ITV1 except: 10.35-10.45pm ITV News West Country

S4C 6.00am Cyw **12.00noon** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Bwyd Bach Shumana a Catrin **12.30** Heno **1.00** Cegin Bryn **1.30** Ma'i Off 'Ma **2.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **3.05** Y Fets **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh **6.00** Gerddi Cymru **6.25** Darllediad Etholiadol **6.30** Garddio a Mwy **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **8.00** Ken Owens: Y Sheriff. The personal journey of Wales and Scarlets hooker Ken Owens. **8.55** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **9.00** Siwrna Scandi Chris. Chris Roberts' Scandi culinary journey continues in Sweden. **10.00** Cynefin. The team explores Port Talbot. **11.00-11.35pm** Welsh Whisperer – Ni'n Teithio Nawr!

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Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am SSN Euro Report **7.00** Good Morning Euros. With news, live analysis and comment.
10.00 LIVE **Tennis** The Berlin Ladies Open. Day five of the WTA event, a grass-court tournament from Germany, featuring the quarter-finals.
3.00pm LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** England v South Africa. Live coverage of the Super Eight match from Gros Islet, St Lucia.
7.00 LIVE **Betfred Super League** Leeds Rhinos v Leigh Leopards (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the match from the 15th round of fixtures.
10.15 LIVE **PGA Tour Golf** The Travelers Championship. Day two of the tournament from TPC River Highlands in Connecticut.
11.00 LIVE **Women's PGA Championship** The KPMG Women's PGA Championship. Coverage of day two of the Major from Washington.
3.00am LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** USA v West Indies. Coverage of the Super Eight match.
5.30-6.00am SSN Euro Report. Updates.

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am ICC Men's T20 World Cup **1.40pm** Best of ICC WT20 **2.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup
3.00 LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** England v South Africa. Coverage from Gros Islet, St Lucia.
7.10 LIVE **Vitality T20 Blast Cricket** Hampshire Hawks v Sussex Sharks. Coverage of the South Group match from Utilita Bowl, Southampton.
10.30 ICC Men's T20 World Cup. England v South Africa. **11.30** ICC T20 World Cup 2021 **12.00m't** ICC Men's T20 World Cup
1.00 LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** USA v West Indies. Coverage from Bridgetown, Barbados.
5.30-6.00am Best of ICC WT20. From 2016.

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro. Manchester United v Southampton.
12.00noon EFL Greatest Games **1.00** EFL Cup Retro. Manchester City v Sunderland. **2.00** EFL **5.00** Championship Season Review
6.00 EFL Greatest Games **7.00** EFL Cup Retro **8.00** EFL **9.00** EFL **10.00** EFL **11.00** Championship Season Review
12.00m't EFL Greatest Games **1.00** EFL Cup Highlights. The 2008 final. **2.00-6.00am** EFL

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am MLB Highlights **7.00** WWE Raw Highlights **8.00** Premier League Stories **8.30** European Rally Championship Highlights **9.00** Women's One-Day International Cricket. India v South Africa. **10.00** TNT Sports Reload
10.15 LIVE **AFL** Carlton v Geelong Cats (bounce-up 10.40am). Coverage of the match taking place at Melbourne Cricket Ground.
1.30pm Women's One-Day International Cricket **2.30** UEFA Champions League **5.30** MLB: Off the Bat **6.00** MLB Highlights
7.00 LIVE **MLB** Chicago Cubs v New York Mets (start time 7.20pm). From Wrigley Field.
10.15 MLB Plays of the Week **10.45** Original Documentary **11.30** Inside Serie A. The latest news. **12.00m't** WWE SmackDown Highlights
1.00 LIVE **WWE Friday Night SmackDown** Wrestling coverage, featuring the likes of Cody Rhodes, Randy Orton, Bayley and Bianca Belair.
3.00 What Went Down. An interview with Alexa Bliss. **3.30** UFC: The Ultimate Fighter
4.30-7.30am LIVE **AFL** Port Adelaide v Brisbane Lions (bounce-up 4.45am). At Adelaide Oval.

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am Badminton **8.00** Ultimate Pool
12.00noon EuroCup Basketball **2.00** European Rally Championship Highlights **2.30** Crouchy and Cole **2.45** What I Wore. Michel Salgado. **3.00** Original Documentary **4.00** Classic Premier League **5.00** Crouchy and Cole **5.15** Badminton Weekly **5.30** Irish Rally Review
6.00 Women's One-Day International Cricket **7.00** Classic Premier League **7.30** Classic Premier League **8.00** AFL **10.00** UFC: The Ultimate Fighter **11.00** MLB Highlights
12.00m't LIVE **MLB** Cleveland Guardians v Toronto Blue Jays (start time 12.10am).
3.15 MLB: Off the Bat. Action from Major League Baseball. **3.45** Sport in Focus **4.00** TNT Sports Goals Reload **4.30-6.00am** Classic Ligue 1

EUROSPORT 1

6.00am World Superbikes **7.00** European Fencing Championships **8.00** Olympic Games: Breaking Life **9.00** Mountain Biking **11.00** Cycling: French Road Championships **1.00pm** Powerlifting **2.00** Roland-Garros **5.00** Breaking Boundaries **5.15** Discovery Golf
5.45 LIVE **Equestrian** Round four of the League of Nations, held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands.
7.30 Olympic Games: Breaking Life **8.00** French Road Championships **10.00** Show Jumping **11.00** Powerlifting **12.00m't** Bennetts British Superbikes. From Knockhill. **1.00** European Fencing Championships **2.00** French Road Championships **4.00** European Fencing Championships. Day four in Basel, Switzerland. **5.00-6.00am** Motocross World Championship

BEST OF THE REST – LIVE SPORT

8.15am-12.00noon LIVE **Golf** The R&A Men's Amateur Championship (Sky Sports Golf)
7.55-10.00pm LIVE **Betfred Super League** Wigan Warriors v London Broncos (kick-off 8.00pm). At DW Stadium. (Sky Sports Arena)

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.25** The Royal **11.35** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.50** Inspector Morse **6.00** Heartbeat **8.00** Doc Martin. The doctor heads to London. **9.00** Shetland **11.35** Lewis **1.25-2.30am** Upstairs, Downstairs

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am The Protectors **6.30** Minder **7.20** The Sweeney **8.20** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **9.30** ITV Racing: The Opening Show **10.35** The Best of the 90s **10.40** Kojak **11.45** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **12.55pm** Magnum, PI **1.55** Kojak **2.55** Minder **4.10** LIVE ITV Racing: Royal Ascot **6.30** River Monsters **7.00** The Motorbike Show **8.00** Junk and Disorderly **9.00** An Audience with Billy Connolly **10.05** All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite **12.05am** Made in Britain **1.05** The Sweeney **2.05** The Protectors **2.30-3.00am** Unwind with ITV

5STAR Freeview 32

8.00am When Rich Kids Go Skint **9.00** Rich Kids Go Skint **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors **5.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **9.00** FILM Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason (2004/15) ★★★★ **11.10** Adults Only: Sex Dolls Gone Wild **12.05am** Adults Only: Meet the Sex Slaves **1.05** Police Interceptors **2.10** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **3.00-3.50am** GPs: Behind Closed Doors

REALLY Freeview 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** The Bidding Room **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **10.00** Ghost Adventures **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m't** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00-4.00am** Teleshopping

5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! **9.30** Outback Truckers **10.30** Traffic Cops **11.30** FILM Cimarron (1960/PG) ★★ **2.20pm** FILM Decision at Sundown (1957/U) ★★ **4.00** Outback Truckers **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **9.00** Police: Night Shift 999 **10.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **11.00** Inside the Force **12.00m't** Police Interceptors **1.00** Fights, Camera, Action! **2.00** Trucking Hell **3.55-4.00am** Entertainment News on 5

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

6.00am Cirque du Soleil: Zaia **7.00** Classic FM Rising Stars with Julian Lloyd Webber 2023 **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Michelle Pfeiffer **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** National Treasures: The Art of Collecting **3.00** Cleo Laine: The Unseen Home Movies **4.00** Discovering **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Isle of Wight Festival 2024 **7.30** Isle of Wight Festival 2024 **8.00** Isle of Wight Festival 2024 **9.00** Isle of Wight Festival 2024 **10.00** Isle of Wight Festival 2024 **11.00** Isle of Wight Festival 2024 **11.30** Isle of Wight Festival 2024 **12.00m't** Isle of Wight Festival 2024 **12.30** Isle of Wight Festival 2024 **1.00** Live from the Artists Den **2.15** Led Zeppelin: In the Light **3.30** Cheltenham Literature Festival **4.30** Auction: Shakespeare Special **5.00-6.00am** Auction

The Walking Dead: The Ones Who Live
Sky Max, 9pm
The zombie horror spin-off continues as Rick (Andrew Lincoln) insists on finishing Okafor's mission – even after Michonne (Danai Gurira, left) informs him about their son.

GOLD

7.10am The Fosters **8.05** The Green Green Grass **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Still Open All Hours **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass **1.20** My Hero **2.00** Still Open All Hours **2.40** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Still Open All Hours **6.00** The Green Green Grass **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.40** The Thin Blue Line **9.20** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **10.00** The Royle Family **10.40** Mrs Brown's Boys **12.00m't** Only Fools and Horses **12.40** The Thin Blue Line **1.20** Victoria Wood as Seen on TV **2.00** The Royle Family **2.30-4.00am** Mrs Brown's Boys

YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Classic Car Garage **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** World War Weird **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Bangers & Cash **8.00** Hornby: A Model World **10.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Hornby: A Model World **2.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Transport Museum

ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries: double bill **9.00** The Coroner **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators. Frank and Lu investigate a car accident which killed a young mother. **7.00** Elementary **8.00** Father Brown **9.00** Death in Paradise **11.20** Elementary **12.20am** CSI: Vegas **1.15** Unforgettable **2.20-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

SKY MAX

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** A League of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip **9.00** The Walking Dead: The Ones Who Live **10.00** Never Mind the Buzzcocks **10.45** The Walking Dead **11.45** We're Here **1.00am** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Urban Secrets **7.55** Six Feet Under **10.10** Gomorrah **12.20pm** Game of Thrones **1.50** The Sopranos **4.05** Six Feet Under **6.25** Gomorrah **7.30** Game of Thrones **9.00** The Pacific **10.10** House of the Dragon **11.20** The Wire **12.25am** The Time Traveler's Wife **1.25** Euphoria **2.35** Game of Thrones **4.00-6.00am** Urban Secrets

SKY WITNESS

6.00am Sun, Sea and A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** Highway Patrol **9.30** Caught Red Handed **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** 9-1-1 **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare **7.00** Caught on Dashcam **8.00** Chicago Med **9.00** Chicago Fire **10.00** Chicago PD **11.00** The Equalizer **12.00m't** The Cleaning Lady **1.00** Coroner **2.00** Bull **3.00** The Good Doctor **4.00** Paramedics Australia **5.00-6.00am** Sun, Sea and A&E

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Sort Of **10.30** Veep **11.40** Ballers **12.50pm** High Maintenance **2.10** Veep **3.20** Ballers **4.30** Sort Of **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Young Rock **10.30** Leo Reich: Literally Who Cares?! **11.45** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **12.45am** Sex and the City **2.00** Silicon Valley **3.10-3.45am** Random Acts of Flyness

DISCOVERY

6.00am How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Texas Metal **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Barnwood Builders **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** Texas Metal **7.00** Bitchin' Rides **8.00** Gold Rush: Parker's Trail **9.00** Moonshiners **10.00** Blowing Up History **11.00** Outback Truckers **12.00m't** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.00** Moonshiners **2.00** Blowing Up History **3.00** Gold Rush: Parker's Trail **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Food Factory **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** To Catch a Smuggler **11.00** Europe from Above **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Erased: WWII Heroes of Colour **4.00** Seconds from Disaster **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Inside Cocaine Wars **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Situation Critical **1.00** Airport Security: Peru **2.00** Abandoned **2.30** Food Factory **3.20** Made in a Day **4.10-5.00am** Trials of the Wild

Radio

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.33am Best New Pop **6.57** Newsbeat **7.00** Breakfast with Sam and Danni **10.00** Radio 1 Anthems **11.02** Danny Beard **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Summer on Radio 1 with Nikita Kanda **3.00** Party Anthems **4.00** The Official Chart with Jack Saunders **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Dance Party with Danny Howard **8.00** Future Dance with Sarah Story **10.00** Pete Tong **12.00m't** Radio 1's Essential Mix **2.00** Radio 1 Dance Presents **3.00** Danny Howard Club Mix **4.00** Anthems **5.00-6.00am** Radio 1 Relax

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am Zoe Ball **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **7.00** Michelle Visage **9.00** The Good Groove with DJ Spoony **11.00** The Rock Show with Johnnie Walker **12.00m't** Romesh Ranganathan: For the Love of Hip-Hop **1.00** Ray Davies at the BBC **2.00** Tracks of My Years – A Ray Davies Special **3.00** Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin **4.00** Sophie Ellis-Bextor **5.00-6.00am** In Concert: Hothouse Flowers

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Dvorak **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night. Dance-related light music. **9.45** The Essay: The Sounds of Tyne **10.00** Late Junction **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

CHOICE

Communicating With Ros Atkins
Radio 4, 2.45pm
Comedian, actor and presenter Rob Brydon is the first celeb to join Ros for a discussion on the best ways to communicate. The *Would I Lie to You?* host and *Gavin & Stacey* star reveals how to feel confident on stage, how to win an audience over, and the importance of making people laugh.

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** Desert Island Discs **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** The Food Programme **11.45** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.00noon** News **12.04** Rare Earth **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Understand: The UK Election **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: The Specialist **2.45** Communicating with Ros Atkins **3.00** Gardeners' Question Time **3.45** Short Works **4.00** Last Word **4.30** More or Less **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** The News Quiz **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Add to Playlist **8.00** Any Questions? **9.00** Free Thinking **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Jensen: The Bellevue Poltergeist **11.00** Americast **11.30** The Beauty of Everyday Things **12.00m't** News **12.30** Book of the Week **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News **5.43** Prayer **5.45-6.00am** NatureBang

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Chiles on Friday **1.00pm** 5 Live Sport **2.00** 5 Live Sport **4.00** 5 Live News **4.30** 5 Live Sport **5.00** 5 Live Sport **7.00** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **10.30** Stephen Nolan **1.00am** Lisa McCormick **5.00-6.00am** 5 Live Boxing

BBC RADIO WALES

FM: 94.6MHz 6.00am Radio Wales News Update **6.05** Wake Up with Radio Wales **6.30** All Things Considered **7.00** Radio Wales Breakfast **9.00** Wynne Evans. Music, chat and guests. **12.00noon** The Phone In **2.00** Eleri Sion **5.00** Radio Wales Drive **7.00** BBC Wales General Election Debate **8.30** Radio Wales Sport **10.00** Molly Palmer **12.00m't** The Party Playlist with H **1.00** As Radio 5 Live **5.00-7.00am** Vicki Blight

CLASSIC FM

100-102MHz 6.30am Classic FM Breakfast with Dan Walker **9.00** The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour with Dan Walker **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Sam Pittis **7.00** Classic FM at the Movies with Jonathan Ross. From film favourites. **9.00** Traditional Tunes with Iona Stephen **10.00** Calm Classics **1.00am** Katie Breathwick **4.00-7.00am** Sam Pittis

ABSOLUTE RADIO

DAB 6.00am Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Emil Franchi **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Isle of Wight Festival. Coverage. **4.00-8.00am** Jennie Longdon

Movies

FILM4

11.00am Carry On Regardless (1961/U) Slapstick comedy, starring Sid James. ★★
12.50pm The 7th Voyage of Sinbad (1958/U) Fantasy, starring Kerwin Mathews. ★★★★
2.35 Jason and the Argonauts (1963/U) Fantasy, starring Todd Armstrong, Honor Blackman and Nancy Kovack. ★★★★★
4.45 The Golden Voyage of Sinbad (1974/U) Fantasy, starring John Phillip Law. ★★★
6.55 Sister Act (1992/PG) Comedy, starring Whoopi Goldberg and Harvey Keitel. ★★★★
9.00 Kingsman: The Secret Service (2015/15) Action comedy based on a comic book, with Colin Firth and Taron Egerton. ★★★★
11.40 Tropic Thunder (2008/15) Comedy, starring Ben Stiller and Jack Black. ★★★★
1.45-3.40am Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey (1991/PG) Comedy sequel, starring Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.30am Bonus Track (2023/15) See 5.30am for details. ★★★
8.15 Turtles All the Way Down (2024/12) Romantic drama, starring Isabela Merced, Cree, Judy Reyes and Felix Mallard. ★★★★
10.15 American Star (2024/15) See 12.00am for details. ★★★
12.10pm Five Nights at Freddy's (2023/15) See 8.00pm for details. ★★★
2.10 The Exorcist: Believer (2023/15) See 10.00pm for details. ★★★
4.10 The Great Escaper (2023/12) Drama, with Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. ★★★★
6.00 Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. ★★★
8.00 Five Nights at Freddy's (2023/15) Premiere. A man accepts a position as a security guard at an abandoned pizzeria, but is soon locked in a fight for survival. Horror thriller, starring Josh Hutcherson. ★★★
10.00 The Exorcist: Believer (2023/15) Horror sequel, with Leslie Odom Jr. ★★★
12.00m't American Star (2024/15) Thriller, with Ian McShane and Nora Arnezeder. ★★★
2.00am Ruthless (2023/15) Action thriller, with Dermot Mulroney and Jeff Fahey. ★★★★
3.50 The Royal Hotel (2023/18) Thriller, with Julia Garner and Jessica Henwick. ★★★
5.30-7.20am Bonus Track (2023/15) Comedy, starring Joe Anders and Samuel Small. ★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

4.00pm Summit Fever (2022/15) Drama, with Ryan Phillippe and Hannah New. ★★★
6.00 The King's Speech (2010/12) Drama, with Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush. ★★★★★
8.00 Cold Mountain (2003/15) Period drama, starring Nicole Kidman and Jude Law. ★★★
10.35 Fifty Shades of Grey (2015/18) Erotic drama based on EL James' bestseller, with Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson. ★★★
12.45am Boyz N the Hood (1991/15) Drama, with Cuba Gooding Jr. ★★★★★
2.40 The Hanging Sun (2022/15) Drama, starring Alessandro Borghi. ★★★
4.15 Monsoon (2019/12) Drama, with Henry Golding and Parker Sawyers. ★★★★
5.45-8.00am You Don't Know Jack (2010/15) Fact-based drama, with Al Pacino. ★★★

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.00pm Johnny English Reborn (2011/PG) Comedy sequel, with Rowan Atkinson. ★★★
5.55 The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001/12) Fantasy adventure, with Elijah Wood and Ian McKellen. ★★★★★
9.00 The Last Airbender (2010/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Noah Ringer. ★★★
10.55 The Little Rascals (1994/U) Children's comedy, starring Travis Tedford. ★★★★
12.30am Reuniting the Rubins (2010/PG) Comedy drama, starring Timothy Spall. ★★
2.20 The Next Karate Kid (1994/PG) Martial arts adventure sequel, with Pat Morita. ★★★
4.20-6.00am Ghost Squad (2015/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Will Spencer. ★★★

TALKING PICTURES TV

7.00pm The Halfway House (1943/PG) Thriller, starring Mervyn Johns and Glynis Johns. ★★
9.05 The House on Sorority Row (1982/18) Horror, starring Kate McNeil. ★★★
11.00pm Offerings (1989/18) Horror, starring Loretta Leigh Bowman. ★★★
12.50am The Cat Burglar (1961/PG) Drama, with Jack Hogan and June Kenney. ★★★
2.10-5.00am Strange Days (1995/18) Sci-fi thriller, starring Ralph Fiennes. ★★★★

GREAT! MOVIES

5.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: From Paris with Love (2015/PG) Drama, starring Eric Mabius and Kristin Booth. ★★★★
7.05 Lost Letter Mysteries: Truth Be Told (2015/PG) Drama, with Eric Mabius. ★★★★
9.00 Lucky Number Slevin (2006/18) Crime thriller, starring Josh Hartnett. ★★★★
11.15pm 13 (2010/15) Thriller remake, with Sam Riley and Ray Winstone. ★★
1.10am Reasonable Doubt (2014/15) Crime thriller, starring Dominic Cooper. ★★★
4.00-5.40am Watching Over You (2018/PG) Thriller, starring Andrea Bogart. ★★★

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Homes have Scot the lot

By **Deborah Stone**

NEWS that inflation is down to two per cent will gladden the hearts of anybody in the market for a new home, with experts predicting it should help to bring interest and mortgage rates down within the year. So now could be the time to start looking at properties, particularly new-build homes available off-plan that you won't have to start paying for until they're built and hopefully mortgage rates have dropped.

Lucian Cook, of property services company Savills UK Residential Research, says: "Interest rate cuts will mean that the range of buyers coming to the market will widen and we can expect to see their spending power pick up over the next 12 months.

"Those who have put off plans to trade up the housing ladder over the past two years are likely to underpin growth in the housing market going forward.

"Though the headwinds haven't completely died down, we have already seen a pick-up in agreed sales on the back of more stability in the mortgage markets.

"That suggests that as rates fall, the market will return to growth, despite owners who are yet to come to the end of their fixed rate experiencing an uplift in their underlying housing costs."

Online estate agent Purplebricks is already seeing an increase in house prices compared with this time last year, despite the uncertainty caused by next month's general election.

Average UK home prices are up £3,000 over the 12 months, according to Purplebricks, with Scottish homeowners having the most to celebrate. The annual price rise in Scotland was 4.5 per cent, compared to an average UK increase of 1.1 per cent over the 12-month period to April.

Edinburgh saw the biggest increase in growth at 6.7 per cent, or £22,009, making the average home in the Scottish capital worth £329,499. Midlothian and Sterling had annual rises of £20,872 and £20,063 respectively.

On the back of Edinburgh's buoyant market, award-winning Scottish homebuilder Cala Homes has launched a 37-home development in the south of the city, in the Blackford area.

St Crispin's Court will have 23 three-bedroom townhouses and 14 one, two and three-bedroom apartments, with the first of the townhouses now available to reserve off-plan. A selection of apartments will be released for sale later this summer.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT: St Crispin's Court in Edinburgh has many strings to its bow

ALL St Crispin's Court homes will be energy-efficient. Kitchens will be equipped with Siemens and Bosch appliances, and bathrooms will have Laufen sanitaryware and Porcelanosa tiling.

Prices start from £769,995 for a three-bedroom townhouse, and apartments will start from £325,000 (0131 608 0265; cala.co.uk).

At just three miles from the city centre, St Crispin's Court is within walking distance of independent shops, cafes, bars and restaurants in leafy Morningside, while high street chains are available at Cameron Toll shopping centre.

It's also close to Blackford Hill public park with views over the city, and not far from Craigmillar Park golf course.

So is now the time to find a new home? Well, Savills' mainstream forecast expects house prices to grow 2.5 per cent in 2024, mostly because of lower mortgage rates, and 21.6 per cent by the end of 2028. So yes, probably.

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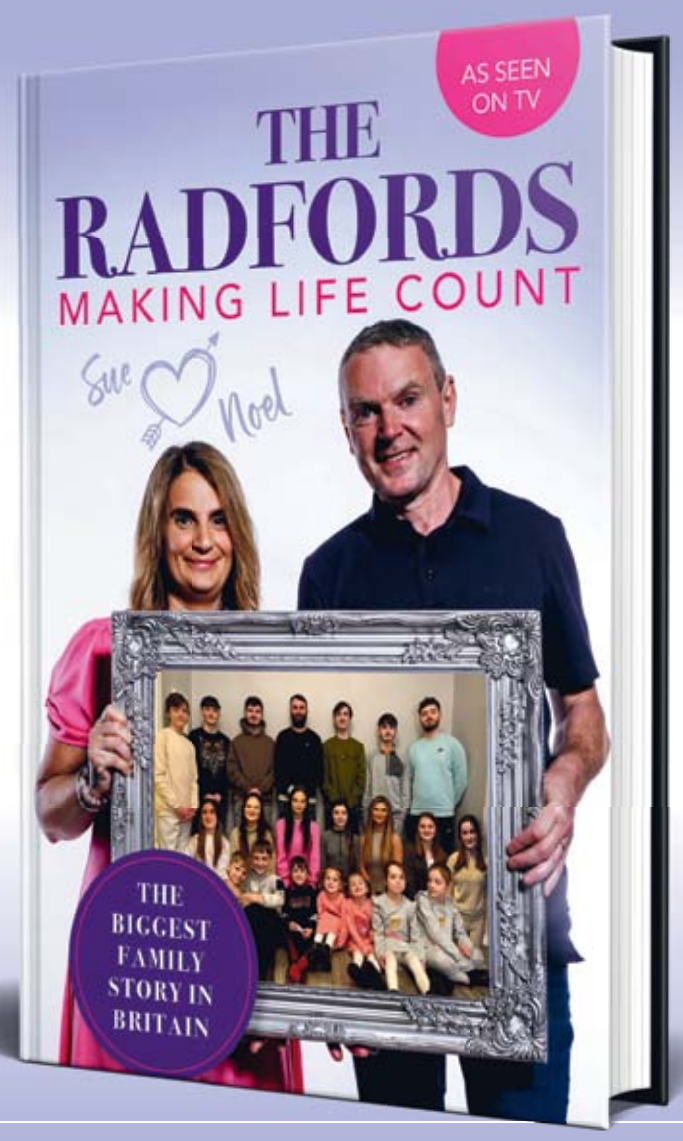

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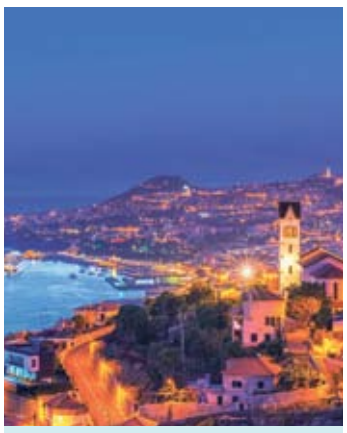

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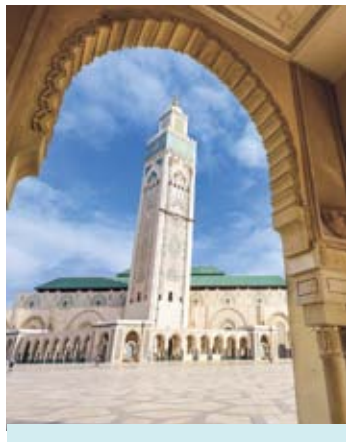

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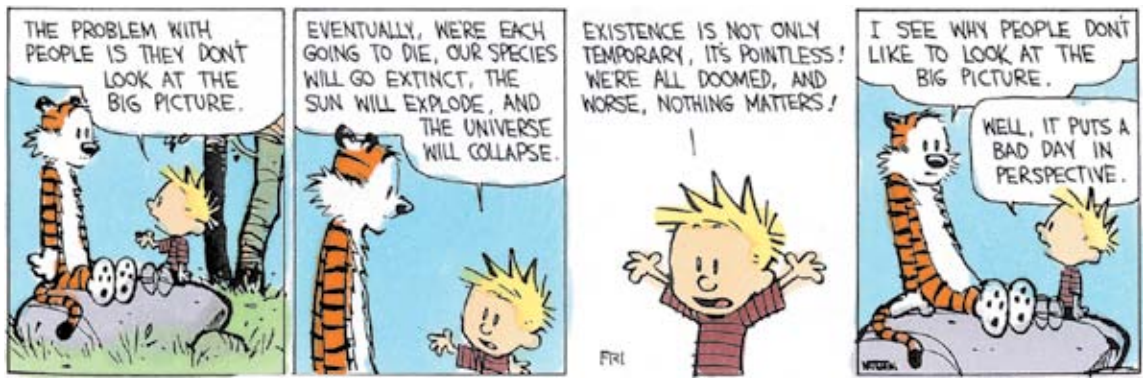

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RUPERT AND THE ROLLING BALL No 5

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"We met a stranger by a tree,"
Cries Rupert. "And he measured me!"

Feeling very puzzled by the behaviour of the stranger, the two pals push on and, as Willie expected, they find several of their pals not far away. Rupert describes the mysterious man but none of the others know who he is. "Never mind now," says Bill. "You've brought a fine ball. Let's have a game." So Algy is put in one goal and Podgy in the other. Rupert, Willie and Ferdy play against Bill and the Rabbit twins.

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"How odd!" the puzzled chums exclaim,
Then they begin their football game.

Spaghetti with shiitake mushroom sauce

Shiitake mushrooms are delicious mixed with simple, fresh ingredients and served with pasta. Serves 4.

INGREDIENTS

- 180g spaghetti
- **180g fresh shiitake mushrooms, sliced**
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- **1/2 onion, chopped**
- 60ml white wine
- **1 tbsp olive oil**
- 60ml chicken stock
- **120ml whipping cream**
- Salt to taste
- **Fresh black pepper to taste**
- 2 tbsps grated Parmesan cheese
- **2 tbsps chopped fresh parsley**

METHOD

1) Sauté garlic and onion in olive oil over medium heat; add mushrooms.
2) Add chicken stock and wine, and cook until mixture is reduced to 1/2 the volume.
3) Mix in cream, and simmer to desired thickness. Season to taste.
4) Meanwhile cook pasta in a large pot of boiling salted water until al dente.
5) Drain pasta, and toss with sauce until coated.
6) Serve on small warmed plates, topped with grated Parmesan cheese and parsley

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ALAN'S TIP OF THE DAY: Start deadheading summer bedding plants regularly to keep them flowering freely all summer. Also remove dead heads from late spring and early summer-flowering perennials as their flowers go over. Follow that up with a generous feed.

Russell Grant

Britain's celebrity astrologer

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

You may have to accept that in order to increase your potential of success you need to gain more experience and increase your degrees of education. As skilled and proficient as you may be, there are some who question your qualifications.

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Taurus Apr 21 - May 21

An offer put to you early on will mean a quick change of plans. Friends will be surprised by how quickly you react. This is your chance to prove you can be flexible when the need arises. You are determined to make a success of whatever you do.

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Gemini May 22 - June 21

You're tempted to pull out of a time-consuming project. But is this the easy way out? Remind yourself of all you have done so far. If you end this commitment now, someone else will take the credit for your hard work. Keep going.

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Libra Sep 24 - Oct 23

You're generally easy going and will do anything for anyone but not today. There are plans you have that you will not set aside to please others. If someone is upset about this, they are not a true friend. It is time you put your own needs first.

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Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

You and a partner take a different approach to the way you handle money. You handle finances in a far more cautious way. Some in-depth thinking is necessary before you decide on how to move forward. Take advice from a financial consultant.

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Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

You have some weighty matters to consider. That's why you will feel happier with less distractions around you. A respected executive will make you an interesting offer. You might look on this as repayment for help you once gave them.

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Cancer June 22 - July 23

Someone will belittle your contributions to a group effort. The reason they are being so critical is because they feel secretly threatened. Believe in yourself. A valuable contact will give you advice on how to advance your career.

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Leo July 24 - Aug 23

The impression you make on senior colleagues will improve your promotion prospects. Someone in power needs to see how you handle a difficult situation. Your ability to take charge, lead and delegate will determine your direction.

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Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

A job you have taken on is difficult and demanding. Without help you will become tired and irritable. Teaming up with a talented friend or colleague will take you closer to your goals. There are advantages in making this a joint effort.

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Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

You had hoped to make better progress but your confidence will dip when you come up against some difficult people. You are underestimating your capabilities if you allow others to tell you what to do when you are capable on your own.

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Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

You are ready to make a fresh start in areas of your life that lack challenge. You need something new to excite you. Volunteering for a large charity could open the way for you to break into a new career field.

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Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

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Sue, East Anglia

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Paul, Manchester

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Letter of the day

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MINDLESS: Just Stop Oil protesters spraying Stonehenge

JSO's Taliban tactics from the Stone Age

THE Just Stop Oil vandals who defaced some of the stones at Stonehenge this week are as mindless as the Taliban, who inflicted irreparable damage on Afghanistan's 6th-century Buddhas of Bamiyan in 2001 ("Just lock them up!", June 20).

Those responsible for the desecration of Stonehenge, the most architecturally sophisticated prehistoric stone circle in the world, must be handed custodial sentences not only as punishment for their crime, but to discourage others who might be planning further attacks on our cultural treasures.

The despoliation of Stonehenge has done absolutely nothing for Just Stop Oil's cause. Just the opposite in fact.

Bob Readman,
Sevenoaks, Kent

Jail protesters to send a message to all eco-loons

THE Stonehenge attack sums up the contempt these maniacs have for England and its heritage.

The authorities have now got to stand firm against these imbeciles and show how angry the public are by sending both Rajan Naidu and Niamh Lynch to prison for two years minimum to send a meaningful message to all the Just Stop Oil simpletons.

Ian Fuller,
Harrogate, N Yorks

Vandals harm their cause by defacing Stonehenge

WHAT does Just Stop Oil hope to achieve by being so stupid by defacing Stonehenge? It certainly won't get any support. The phasing out of fossil fuels by 2030 is impossible. There is no infrastructure in place as an alternative and it'll take far longer than 2030 to implement anything.

Anne Jones,
Stalybridge, Cheshire

Middle-class hooligans must feel full force of law

YET again these middle-class vandals are allowed to openly commit crimes against our heritage.

These people know they will be treated with kid gloves by our woke police force and then come before a judge who no doubt mixes in the same circles and agrees with them, who will make a statement of support and release them back on the streets. Until these morons are imprisoned we will never see an end to their antics.

John Kennedy,
Hornchurch, Essex

Boris can't save doomed, desperate Conservatives

JUST when you think there are no more straws left for the pathetic and desperate Tories to clutch, they go and find another withered old one to grasp ("PM: Labour will tax your years of savings in weeks", June 19). If they believe having Boris Johnson on the campaign trail is going to get them re-elected they are more out of touch with the British electorate than ever.

Stefan Badham,
Portsmouth

Sunak's got to spare us from high-taxing Labour

ONCE Labour comes into power, taxes will soar through the roof. To those who believe that the cost of living will lower: pigs might fly.

Labour will tax everyone, no matter if you are rich or poor. All the party wants is your money.

If Rishi Sunak gets his finger out hopefully there will still be a Conservative Government after the general election.

Gary Albiston,
Southsea, Hants

Savers an easy target for Starmer and his cronies

I AM 85 and my husband is 90. Yes we own our own home and yes we do have savings. All of this was achieved due to careful budgeting through the years, going without when we couldn't afford something.

We are now in a position to comfortably enjoy the fruits of our labour. Is this all about to change?

Because Sir Keir Starmer cannot seem to state where he is getting the money to fill the gaping black hole of £38.5billion. I have lived under a Labour Government before and sincerely hoped it would never happen again.

Jill Bath,
Fareham, Hants

Directors have snouts in the trough, not unions

HERE we go again, let's bash the unions (Letters, June 19). Your correspondent seems to forget the Labour Party was formed by the unions to look after the interests of working people, who had been ignored since time began. If you're looking for outrageous wage and benefit claims look no further than the snouts-in-the-trough boardrooms where remuneration has gone through the roof.

Duncan Smith,
Welling, Gtr London

Brexit's a roaring success because we're out of EU

I AM amazed at the amount of publicity being spread about that Brexit has failed ("Labour plot to take us back to the EU", June 18). We have taken back control of our nation from the dictatorship called the EU. That is success, not failure.

Michael Need,
Gedling, Notts

Britain's cancer survival rate is a stain on our NHS

IF THERE is one thing that proves Nigel Farage right to call for a complete rethink of the NHS, it's our shockingly low cancer survival rate ("Britain '25 years behind for cancer survival'", June 19).

EU countries have better healthcare at roughly the same cost, delivered through a partnership of state and independent providers and funded by a national health insurance scheme, so why not here?

Roy Daniels,
Luton, Beds

Monkey chants are wrong but so is booing anthems

ONCE again the Football Association complains about monkey chants aimed at England players from opposing fans. Yes, this is racism. They want Uefa to do something about this ("Serbia facing racism probe", June 18).

But the FA says nothing about their own fans booing the national anthems of opposing countries. If this happens at Wembley the FA should make an announcement that should fans boo their opponent's anthem, it will take the England team off and announce they are forfeiting the match.

Peter Piepke,
Middleton, Gtr Manchester

It's repeats and soaps if you can't stand football

IT IS only week one of Euro 2024 and for those of us not interested in football, apart from the news and the odd soap episode, almost every programme on all channels is a repeat. Why are we not catered for? We all have to pay the TV licence.

Stephanie Clarke,
Reading, Berks

Royal grafter Anne is this nation's crowning glory

ANN Widdecombe is spot on with her assessment of the Princess Royal ("Anne is the real trooper", June 19). Princess Anne is always at the forefront of royal occasions, getting on with the job with minimum fuss, supporting or representing the King admirably.

She is the hardest working royal and deserves maximum credit.

Richard Sherrell,
Towcester, Northants

DO YOU WANT SCOTLAND TO QUALIFY FOR LAST-16 OF EUROS?

Yes FAIR play to Scotland, after their 5-1 battering at the hands of Germany in their opening game they rolled up their sleeves and battled for a 1-1 draw against Switzerland ("Swiss please... Tartan Army party on", June 20).

It's great to see another home nation at a major championships and I hope Scotland get the result they need in their final match against Hungary to qualify for a knockout stage for the first time ever.

Their fans are a credit to them and add plenty of noise and colour.

Alan Radford,
Sheffield

No THE Scots rarely have a nice word to say about the English so I hope they get spanked by Hungary in their final group game.

They cheer on anyone playing England and their footballing heroes are Diego Maradona and whoever dumps the Three Lions out of a major tournament. Well I'm sick of it. I'll laugh myself silly if Scotland come unstuck again on Sunday. Sometimes I think I enjoy Scotland losing more than I love England winning.

At least it happens more often.

Come on, Hungary!

Charlie Jones,
Birmingham

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Johnson won the contest, achieving 66 per cent of the party members' votes – twice that of Hunt. Johnson was succeeded as PM by Liz Truss in September 2022.

46 years ago (1978)
Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's original production of the musical Evita opened at London's Prince Edward Theatre.

The show depicted the life of Argentina's former First Lady, actress-turned-political campaigner Eva Peron, who died from cancer aged just 33.

105 years ago (1919)
German Admiral Ludwig von Reuter sabotaged his own fleet at Orkney rather than let it fall into Allied hands.

Nine sailors who died during the scuttling were among the last casualties of the First World War. The High Seas Fleet had been impounded under the terms of the Armistice as negotiations took place over the fate of the ships.

BIRTHDAYS

William, HRH The Prince of Wales is 42. He enjoys surfing. The Killers lead singer **Brandon Flowers** is 43. He's a Mormon church member. Actor **David Morrissey** turns 60. He studied acting at Rada in London. Actress **Juliette Lewis** is 51. She's also a successful rock singer.

TODAY'S GIGGLE
A vegan couple overdosed on vegetables. Paramedics had to check their pulses.

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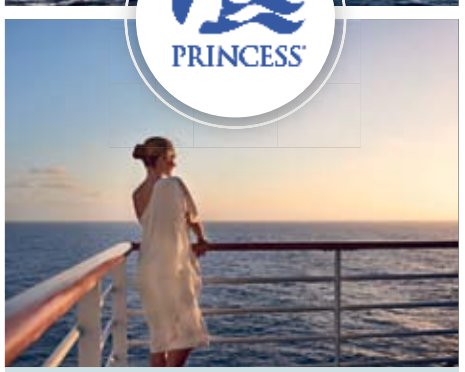

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POPULAR SHARES ON THE RISE		
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BP	470½	+4¼
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Centrica	136	+1½
GSK	1618	+1½
HSBC Holdings	697	+4
Int Consolidated Airlines	171¼	+1¼
Lloyds Banking Group	56	+¾
Marks & Spencer Group	303¼	+¾
National Grid	905	+4
NatWest Group	320½	+8
Rolls-Royce Holdings	485½	+13
Saga	117½	+2
Sainsbury (J)	265	+5½
Shell	2767½	+19½
Vodafone Group	72¼	+¾
Whitbread	2956	+16

POPULAR SHARES UNCHANGED	
Tesco	309
Unilever	4433

POPULAR SHARES ON THE SLIDE		
BAE Systems	1346½	-4

WORLD MARKETS			
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TOKYO	38633.0	▲	+62.3
HONG KONG	18335.3	▼	-95.1
GERMANY	18254.2	▲	+186.3
FRANCE	7671.3	▲	+101.1

STERLING VALUE			
Dollar	1.267	▼	-0.005
Yen	201.121	▲	+0.030
Euro	1.183	▼	-0.001

DOLLAR VALUE			
Dollar/Yen	158.764	▲	+0.6701
Dollar/Euro	0.934	▲	+0.0033

COMMODITIES		
GOLD($)	▲	2352.90
KRUGERRAND(£)	▲	1857.26
SILVER(pence)	▲	2414.86
BRENT CRUDE($)	▲	85.41

OTHER INDICATORS	
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House price Index	0.7%
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United States	1.25 dollar

NatWest buys up most of Sainsbury's Bank

By **Graham Hiscott**

NATWEST has struck a deal to purchase the majority of Sainsbury's Bank.

The swoop will see it take on about £1.4billion of unsecured personal loans, £1.1billion of credit card balances and some £2.6billion of customer deposits.

NatWest expects to add around one million customer accounts.

Sainsbury's announced in January it was winding down its banking division to focus on its retail business, nearly 27 years after it launched. The next month Barclays agreed a £600million deal to buy most of Tesco Bank.

Both supermarkets were among retailers that made a push into financial services in the 1990s, initially through tie-ups with long-established banks.

The sale to NatWest is expected to complete in the first half of next year.

Sainsbury's said there would be no immediate changes to its banking customers' terms and conditions, adding they "do not need to take any action".

The sale does not include Sainsbury's Bank's commission income businesses, such as insurance, cash points and travel money. Argos Financial Services is also not in the deal.

Sainsbury's chief executive Simon Roberts said: "We will focus all our time and resources going forward on growing our core retail business."

NatWest Group boss Paul Thwaite said: "This transaction is a great opportunity to accelerate the growth of our retail banking business at attractive returns, in line with our strategic priorities. As well as a complementary customer base, the transaction is expected to add scale to our credit card and unsecured personal lending business within existing risk appetite.

"We are focused on ensuring a smooth transition for customers." It is the first major transaction by Mr Thwaite since he took the role last year.

William Woods, analyst at investment firm Bernstein, called it "a good outcome for Sainsbury's after a long sale".

WINDING DOWN: Sainsbury's is to focus on retail after bank deal with NatWest

Confidence slowly returns

CONSUMERS are feeling more upbeat despite the cost-of-living crisis continuing to batter budgets.

Research firm GfK's consumer confidence index has risen for the third month in a row, ticking up three points in June. But it remains in negative territory at minus 14. Spokesman Joe Staton said: "Consumer confidence continues its robust long-term upward trend this month and has recovered significantly since the record low of minus 49 reached in September 2022."

YouGov profit warning

SHARES in polling giant YouGov crashed by more than a third yesterday after it issued a profit warning.

The firm, set up by ex-Tory Chancellor Nadhim Zahawi, said it has seen "lower sales bookings than anticipated" since releasing its half-year figures. It now expects profits for the year to the end of July to be from £41million to £44million, down from £48.3million in 2023.

The tough trading comes despite polling outfits being kept busy during the General Election campaign.

Strategy...Nick Hampton

Tate & Lyle £1.4billion swoop for food giant

FOOD firm Tate & Lyle has agreed to buy a US rival for £1.4billion.

CP Kelco makes pectin, used in jam, and ingredients for salad dressings, bakery goods and gluten-free products.

Nick Hampton, chief executive of Tate & Lyle, said the combined business would have "significant" growth potential.

It comes after a significant strategic shift under Mr Hampton over the past six years to move the company towards healthier and more sustainable food and drink.

Tate & Lyle sold its sugar business, including the famous Lyle's Golden Syrup brand, to American Sugar Refining in 2010, ending its long association with refined sugar production.

The company also yesterday announced it would launch a share buyback scheme worth up to £215million.

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COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
3i Group	3160#	+60	3160	1848
A.B. Foods	2488#	+12	2738	1929½
Admiral Group	2592	+15	2837	2029
Airtel Africa	119#		131½	90¾
Anglo American	2467½	+39	2773½	1670¼
Antofagasta	2146	+89	2410	1293
Ashtead Group	5434	+14	6104	4667
AstraZeneca	12398	+58	12600	9501
Auto Trader	820	+6½	829½	587
Aviva	483½	+5½	497	369¼
B&M Europ Value Ret	477	+6	612½	463
BAE Systems	1346½	-4	1400	888¼
Barclays	208	+1¼	220	129¼
Barratt Development	476¾	+8	566½	392¼
Beazley Group	698½	+2	702	503
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	4756	+62	5320	3773
BP	470½#	+4¼	558	444¼
British Amer.Tob	2460	+20	2735	2267
BT Group	142½	+1¼	144¼	102¼
Bunzl	3024#	+18	3306	2687
Burberry Group	972¼	+8	2257	958½
Centrica	136#	+1½	172½	118½
Coca-Cola HBC	2710#	+24	2804	2065
Compass Group	2238#	+12	2323	1945½
Convatec Group	243½	+½	293½	196¼
CRH	6002#	-62	6898	4151
Croda International	4100	-14	5956	4059
DCC	5695#	+50	6035	4171
Diageo	2590½	+21½	3457	2526
Diploma	4186	+52	4252	2804
DS Smith	362	+10	413	263¾
EasyJet	451	-4	577¾	360
Entain	673	+12	1403½	654½
Experian Group	3716#	+3	3779	2390
F&C Inv Tst	1020	+6	1050	831
Flutter Entert.	14725	+255	17475	12155
Frasers Group	871½	+9	938	683
Fresnillo	565	+24	639½	441½
GlaxoSmithKline	1618#	+1½	1812½	1316
Glencore	464	+7¾	501½	369
Haleon	329¼	+3¾	341	308½
Halma	2676	+60	2676	1810½
Hikma	2000	+23	2205	1722
HSBC Holdings	697#	+4	720¾	575¾
IMI	1808	+19	1901	1445
Imperial Brands	2043#	+28	2043	1580
Informa	859¾#	+3½	862	685¾
InterContinental Htl	8300	+48	8752	5210
Intermediate Cap.Grp	2260#	+40	2394	1255½
Intertek Group	4822#	+80	5075	3755
Intl Consolidated Airlines	171¼	+1¼	186½	138
JD Sports	126#	+6	175¼	104
Kingfisher	253#	+5	270½	201¼
Land Securities	636½#	+27	725¼	559½
Legal & General	231¼	+3¾	256¼	205¾
Lloyds Banking Grp	56	+¾	56½	39¾
London Stock Ex	9604	+68	9674	7986
M&G	206¼	+2¾	238¾	183
Marks & Spencer	303¼#	+¾	311½	185
Melrose	578¾	+3¾	677½	446¾
Mondi	1502	+25	1604	1179¾
National Grid	905#	+4	1050	838½
NatWest Group	320½	+8	326½	176¼
Next	9102	+98	9426	6582
Ocado	310	-42½	976½	281¼
Pearson	968¼	+3¼	1042	811
Pershing Square Hold	4310	+6	4343¼	2704
Persimmon	1363#	-2	1498	960½
Phoenix Group	495½	+10¼	560¾	441½
Prudential	712½	+11¾	1108½	687½
Reckitt Benckiser	4442	+45	6082	4110
RELX	3608	+21	3622	2442
Rentokil Initial	454	+3¾	644	392½
Rightmove	565¾	+8½	594¾	463
Rio Tinto	5271	+35	5891	4559
Rolls-Royce Group	485½	+13	488½	145¼
RS Group	735#	+9	839½	660½
Sage Group	1083½#	+5½	1282	868
Sainsbury (J)	265#	+5½	310½	245¾
Schroders	377½	+3	464½	347¼
Scottish Mortgage	897½#	+20¼	904¼	637½
SEGRO	901	+9¾	940	679¼
Severn Trent	2441#	+34	2728	2265
Shell	2767½#	+19½	2946	2264½
Smith & Nephew	999	+8¼	1268	896¼
Smiths Group	1717	+19	1766½	1526
Smurfit Kappa	3738	-12	3882	2554
Spirax-Sarco	8565	+160	11130	8058
SSE	1840	+34½	1896	1508
St James's Place	551½	+4½	1183	402
Standard Chartered	735½	+13½	785¾	573¾
Taylor Wimpey	144½	+¾	152½	99¾
Tesco	309#		315	245½
Unilever	4433		4460	3694
Unite Group	906½	+12½	1057	847
United Utilities	993½#	-16½	1125	900¾
Vodafone Group	72¼#	+¾	81	63
Weir Group	2060	+20	2200	1675½
Whitbread	2956#	+16	3678	2855
WPP Group	758#	+22¼	873¾	681¼

MARKET REPORT

ONLINE grocery group **Ocado** slumped 12% yesterday on news Canadian supermarket giant Sobeys has paused the launch of its new warehouse in Vancouver.

Ocado closed down 42.5p at 310p after revealing the setback, adding the companies also agreed to "end terms related to their mutual exclusivity" agreement.

The firms first struck a deal in early 2018 where Ocado built warehouses and powered online operations.

Meanwhile, shares in investment platform **CMC Markets** jumped 12.8%, or 36p, to 317p after revealing annual profits surged 52% to £80million.

Housebuilders got a boost on City expectations of an August Bank of England rate cut. **Barratt Developments** closed up 1.7%, or 8.1p, to 476.8p.

Land Securities was among the FTSE 100 big gainers after an upgrade from UBS raised its stock target price to 730p from 685p.

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SHARES AT A GLANCE

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	52 WEEK HIGH	52 WEEK LOW
Aerospace & Defence				
Avon Rubber	1318	+16	1378	593
Babcock International	538½	+2	565½	269
BAE Systems	1346½	-4	1400	888¼
Chemring Group	382½	+½	396	259
QinetiQ Group	452¾	-4½	460¼	292¾
Rolls-Royce Group	485½	+13	488½	145¼
Senior	163	-1½	180½	154¼
Alternative Energy				
Porvair	676	-8	730	524
Banks				
Barclays	208	+1¼	220	129¼
Bco Santander	371½	-2½	414	260½
Close Brothers	452	+14¾	976½	299¼
CYBG	215	-¼	216¼	142
HSBC Holdings	697#	+4	720¾	575¾
Investec	576½	-3	589¼	429½
Lloyds Banking Grp	56	+¾	56½	39¾
Metro Bank	36¼	+1¼	124½	28¾
NatWest Group	320½	+8	326½	176¼
Standard Chartered	735½	+13½	785¾	573¾
Beverages				
Barr (AG)	596	-3	623	451½
Britvic	1015#	+45½	1038	785½
Coca-Cola HBC	2710#	+24	2804	2065
Diageo	2590½	+21½	3457	2526
Chemicals				
Carclo	18¾	+¼	18¾	6¾
Croda International	4100	-14	5956	4059
Elementis	145¼	-½	156½	98
Johnson Matthey	1551#	+5	1870	1446½
Synthomer	256½	-4	637½	122½
Treatt	443	-7	686	370
Victrex	1166#		1595	1126
Construction & Materials				
Balfour Beatty	362½#	+6	386¼	295½
Clarke T.	160	+1	163¼	118½
CRH	6002#	-62	6898	4151
Dialight	193½	+2½	237	144
Galliford Try	240	+7	275	192½
Gleeson (MJ)	530	-6	580	350
Keller Group	1282#	+10	1376	673
Kier Group	139½	-½	149½	74½
Marshalls	305#	-1½	329½	198
Morgan Sindall	2610	-20	2705	1706
Severfield-Rowen	75¾	+2¼	77½	50
Smart (J) & Co.	125		168½	117½
Tyman	357		396½	236
Electricity				
Drax Group	514		619¾	401½
SSE	1840	+34½	1896	1508
Electronic & Electrical Equipment				
Acal	696	+9	893	593
Halma	2676	+60	2676	1810½
Morgan Crucible	319	+5½	331	218½
Oxford Instruments	2640		2730	1712
Renishaw	3845	-45	4370	2950
Spectris	2912#	-114	3807	2902
TT Electronics	153½	+1	185	135¼
XP Power	1458	-18	2440	776
Equity Investment Instruments				
Aberdeen Asian Sml	280#	-1	287	243
Aberforth Smll.Co.	1518	+18	1544	1126
Acorn Income				
Albion Tech.& Gen. VCT	67½#		73½	66
Albion VCT	43¼		47½	43¼
Alliance Trust	1208#	+10	1264	988
Artemis Alpha	367	-3	378	263½
Aurora Inv.Tst.	247#	+1	253½	198
AVI Global Tst	236#		248	185
Baillie Gifford Japan	715	-1	796	641
Baillie Gifford Shin Nip	108½		147½	105
Bankers Inv.Tst	113¾	+½	117	92¼
Baronsmead VCT.2	54½		56	50¼
BH Macro GBP	364	+2½	386	328
Biotech Growth Trust	954	-1	1024	718
BlackRock Mining	576#	+14	631	492½
Bluehone AiM VCT2	30½		33	30½
British Assets Tst	82½		87½	71¼
Brunner Inv.Tst	1315#		1355	966
Caledonia Inv.	3500	-5	3660	3110
City Natural Res.Yld	186	+5	204	152
City Of London	419½	+2	428	371½
Dunedin Ent.IT.	512½	+10	565	480
Dunedin Income	285	+4	292	249
Edin Wwide Inv	141¼	-½	157	122½
Edin.Drgn.Tst.	406	-1	414	325
Edin.Inv.Tst.	731#	+6	742	615
Edin.US Tracker	295	+1	298	258½
Elderstreet VCT	44		49	43
European Ass Tst	88½	+½	91¾	73
F&C Cap&Inc	329#	+1½	339	271
F&C Inv Tst	1020	+6	1050	831
F&C Smaller Cos	162	+½	167½	129
F&C US Smaller Companies	1267½	+2½	1360	1065
Fidelity Asian	514	-2	542	476
Fidelity European	395½	+3½	411	311½
Fidelity Japanese	169½		185	152½
Fidelity Special	306½#	+2½	311½	252½
Finsbury Gwth&In	852	+6	914	792
Foresight Tech.VCT	72½#		84	72½
Gartmore Euro.	187¼#	+¼	195½	150
Genesis E.M.F.	698	+4	720¼	569
Graphite Ent	1254	-4	1264	1046
Hansa Tst 'A'	194½	-4	217	175
Hansa Tst Plc	209		223	180½
Henderson Euro.Tst	158	+½	164½	124½
Henderson Far Est	240		245	197¾
Henderson High Inc	159#	+½	172	140½
Henderson Opp Tst	222#	-4	236	171½
Herald Inv.Tst.	2200	-20	2220	1596
HGCapital Tst.	487	-3	499	353½
HSBC Infrastructure	124#	-1¼	139½	117¼
Impax Env.Mkt	396	+2	417	334½
Int.Biotech.Tst.	644	+4	694	548
International Public	126¼	+1	139¼	115½
Invesco Asia.	330	+2	348	286
Invesco Perp UK	436	-1	437	379
JPM American	1004	+5	1010	741
JPM Asian	374	+1	376	313
JPM Claverhouse	724	-4	746	630
JPM Emerg Mkt	107	+¼	108¼	96½
JPM Euro Sml Co.	463	+5	485	354½
JPM Global Emerging	137½	+½	140	117
JPM Indian	987	+6	990	798
JPM Japanese	526	+6	553	438½
JPM Overseas IT	578#	+2	579	456
JPM Smaller Co	322#	-2½	339	230
JPM US Sml Co.	390		412	317
Jupiter Euro.	883	+6	915	743
JZ Capital Partners	215		220	149
Keystone Inv.Tst.	220		231	183¼
Law Debenture	854#	+4	897	721
Lowland Invest Co	126½	+1½	130	104½
Majedie Inv.	240		252	181
Manchester&Lon.	834	+8	850	413½
Martin Currie Prtflo Tst.	385	+3	397	299
Matrix Inc & Gwth 4.	68		73½	67
Maven Income And Growth VCT 3	37#	-1	40	36
Mercantile Inv Tst	236#	+1½	248	177¾
Merchants Tst	570	+6	591	477½
Mid Wynd Int.	788	+4	790	670
Monks Inv.Tst.	1174	+4	1194	890
Montanaro Euro Tst	140½	+1½	145	107¼
Montanaro Uk	108½	+1	111½	84¼
Murray Inc.Tst.	868	+4	898	770
Murray Int.Tst	252½		259½	219
New India	804	+10	804	532
New Star Inv.Tst.	118	+1	123	109½
North Atl.Smlr.Tst	3950	-30	4190	3420
Northern 2 VCT	54½		56½	53
Northern Venture	57½		60	54
Oxford Tech 2 VCT	11		21½	11
Pacific Assets.	378#	-3	389	340
Pacific Horizon	637	+10	657	512
Pantheon Int.	310	+½	334	245½
Pershing Square Hold	4310	+6	4343¼	2704
Polar Cap.Tech	3445	+45	3474¾	2105
RCM Technology Trust	407½	+5½	418	246
RIT Capital Partners	1826	+2	2010	1718
Ruffer Investment	273½	-1	283½	261
Schroder Asia	532	-1	534¼	456
Schroder Inc.	288	+1	301	249
Schroder Japan	256	+1	263	217
Schroder UK	171	+½	176	141¾
Schroder UK M&S	623	+2	634	482
Scottish American	517#	+3	536	452
Scottish Mortgage	897½#	+20¼	904¼	637½
Shires Inc.	245	-3	249	209½
Small Comp Div.Tst	165	+1	167½	131
SPARK VCT	19½		20½	19½
Standard Life Equity	309#	+6	331	260
Standard Life UK Sml	491	+1½	508	370
SVM UK Emerging	65¼		67½	61½
Temple Bar	262½#	+2	275½	212
Templeton Emrg.	160¾#	-2¼	165½	141
The European Inv.Tst	97	+1	101	75½
Throgmorton Tst.	616	-1	641	507
TR Euro.Growth	181¼	+1½	188½	136
TR Prop. IT	323	+4½	345	255
Value & Income	183	-1½	210	163
Witan Inv Trust	264	+2	270	210½
Witan Pacific	203#	-1	243	176
Wwide Healthcare	355#	+3½	358½	288
Financial Services				
3i Group	3160#	+60	3160	1848
3i Infrastructure	327#	-1	348	278½
Abrdn	148¼	+3¾	236¾	136¼
Ashmore Group	177½	+¾	232½	166¼
Guinness Peat Group	82	+¾	88¾	64
Hargreaves Lansdown	1134	-19	1169	690½
IG Group	821	+5	825½	611
Intermediate Cap.Grp.	2260#	+40	2394	1255½
International Pers Fin	124	+2	131	100½
IP Group	45	+¼	61½	43½
Jupiter Fund Man.	80½	+1	115	73½
Liontrust Asset Man	762	+2	855	523½
London Stock Ex.	9604	+68	9674	7986
Lonfin	55½		55½	32
M&G	206¼	+2¾	238¾	183
Man Group	250½	+3	277¾	202
Paragon Group	755½	-14½	779½	443½
Provident Financial	50	+¼	198¼	46¼
Rathbone Brothers	1752	+16	1950	1458
S & U	1950#	+62½	2450	1800
Schroders	377½	+3	464½	347¼
St James's Place	551½	+4½	1183	402
Tullett Prebon	205½	-½	227½	141
Walker Crips Group	22½		26½	20½
Fixed Line Telecommunications				
Airtel Africa	119#		131½	90¾
BT Group	142½	+1¼	144¼	102¼
Telecom Plus.	1784	-72	1892	1362
Food & Drug Retailers				
Greggs	2858	-2	2940	2282
Marks & Spencer	303¼#	+¾	311½	185
Ocado	310	-42½	976½	281¼
Sainsbury (J)	265#	+5½	310½	245¾
Tesco	309#		315	245½
Food Producers				
A.B. Foods.	2488#	+12	2738	1929½
Anglo-Eastern	676#		790	652
Carr's Milling	141½	+1½	149¾	93¾
Cranswick	4455	+20	4470	3170
Glanbia	1617¾	+77	1617¾	1105½
Greencore Group	169½	+5½	176½	68¾
Kerry Grp 'A' Shs	6246¼	-76	7784¾	6060¼
Premier Foods	167	+1¾	176¼	113¼
REA Holdings	93	-2	97	49¼
Tate & Lyle	615½#	-61½	760	591
Gas, Water & Multiutilities				
Centrica	136#	+1½	172½	118½
National Grid	905#	+4	1050	838½
Pennon Group	610	+9½	767	551
Severn Trent	2441#	+34	2728	2265
United Utilities	993½#	-16½	1125	900¾
General Industrials				
Bunzl	3024#	+18	3306	2687
DS Smith	362	+10	413	263¾
Goodwin	7440	+240	7700	4200
Melrose	578¾	+3¾	677½	446¾
Mondi	1502	+25	1604	1179¾
Smiths Group	1717	+19	1766½	1526
Smurfit Kappa	3738	-12	3882	2554
General Retailers				
ASOS	351	-4¼	449¾	329
Auto Trader	820	+6½	829½	587
B&M Europ Value Ret	477	+6	612½	463
Caffyns	450		580	450
Dixons Carphone	78¼	+½	79¾	43¾
Dunelm	1082	+19	1191	967
Frasers Group	871½	+9	938	683
Halfords Group	140½	+½	234	139¼
Howden Joinery	895½	+14½	930½	613
JD Sports	126#	+6	175¼	104
Kingfisher	253#	+5	270½	201¼
Next	9102	+98	9426	6582
Pendragon	382	-4	795	313
Pets At Home	301#	-¼	397½	254½
RM Group	84¼	+1¾	103½	48
Topps Tiles	41¾#	+½	56½	40½
WH Smith	1171	-7	1573	1083
Health Care Equipment & Services				
Convatec Group	243½	+½	293½	196¼
Flying Brands	1¼		5¾	1
Smith & Nephew	999	+8¼	1268	896¼
Household Goods & Home Construction				
Barratt Development	476¾	+8	566½	392¼
Bellway	2562#	+30	2860	1921
Berkeley Grp Hldgs	4756	+62	5320	3773
Bovis Homes	1208	+12	1310	636
Colefax Group	855		855	655
Headlam Group	144		268	140½
Mcbride	135	+6½	135	25½
Persimmon	1363#	-2	1498	960½
Reckitt Benckiser	4442	+45	6082	4110
Redrow	671	+7½	739	427½
Taylor Wimpey	144½	+¾	152½	99¾
Industrial Engineering				
Bodycote	723	+5	768	555
Castings.	383	-3	419	326
Hill & Smith	1954#	+6	2100	1458
IMI	1808	+19	1901	1445
Northgate	413½	+5	438	311½
Rotork	328¾	-½	343¾	281
Slingsby H.C	310		310	190
Spirax-Sarco	8565	+160	11130	8058
Vesuvius	479	+5	504	390¾
Vitec Group	309½	-5½	723¼	272
Weir Group	2060	+20	2200	1675½
Xaar	146		190	91¼
Industrial Metals & Mining				
Evraz				
Ferrexpo	43	-½	95	41½
Industrial Transportation				
Braemar Shipping Serv	293	+2½	310	224
Clarkson	4190	-5	4250	2550
FirstGroup	154½	+1¾	187¾	140½
Fisher (J) & Sons	317	+3	412	245½
Ocean Wilsons	1295	-10	1475	914
Royal Mail	323	+1½	336¼	214¼
Leisure Goods				
Games Workshop	10690	+390	11700	9125
Photo-Me Intl.	170¼		182¾	119½
Life Insurance				
Aviva	483½	+5½	497	369¼
Chesnara	249	+½	286	246½
Legal & General	231¼	+3¾	256¼	205¾
Phoenix Group	495½	+10¼	560¾	441½
Prudential	712½	+11¾	1108½	687½
Media				
4imprint Group	6100	+170	6540	4255
Bloomsbury Publish.	610	-6	628	381
Future	1012	-20	1145	577
Informa	859¾#	+3½	862	685¾
ITV	76¾	+¾	79½	55¾
Pearson	968¼	+3¼	1042	811
Reach	93	+3	93¾	59
RELX	3608	+21	3622	2442
STV Group	275	-3	290½	176½
Wilmington Group.	390	+1	400	257
WPP Group	758#	+22¼	873¾	681¼
Mining				
Anglo American	2467½	+39	2773½	1670¼
Anglo Pacific	75¼	+½	121½	70¾
Antofagasta	2146	+89	2410	1293
BHP Billiton	2255	+22	2700	2175
Centamin Egypt	115½	+1¼	130¼	78¼
Endeavour Mining	1704	+51	1967	1250
Fresnillo	565	+24	639½	441½
Gem Diamonds	13		21¾	8
Glencore	464	+7¾	501½	369
Hochschild Mining	184¾	+7¼	188	70¼
Kenmare Res.	330	+8½	460	294
London & Ass.Prop	11½		15½	8½
Petra Diamonds	42½	+1¼	76½	37
Rio Tinto	5271	+35	5891	4559
Mobile Telecommunications				
Vodafone Group	72¼#	+¾	81	63
Nonequity Investment Instruments				
Oryx Int.Gwth.	1320	-20	1450	1020
Rights &Iss.Inc	2430	+30	2440	1805
Nonlife Insurance				
Admiral Group	2592	+15	2837	2029
Beazley Group	698½	+2	702	503
Direct Line Insurance	202½	+3½	225¾	134
Hiscox	1158	+9	1240	938
Lancashire	615	+5	689	538
Oil & Gas Producers				
BP	470½#	+4¼	558	444¼
Cairn Energy	183	-1	375¾	142½
Enquest	13¾	+¼	18½	12
Gulf Keystone Pet.	141¾	+4¼	146½	84¾
Harbour Energy	311	+10¼	330	218¼
Regal Petroleum	17¼	+¼	20¾	12¼
Shell	2767½#	+19½	2946	2264½
Soco International	23½#	-1¼	25¾	18¾
Tullow Oil	33¼	+¾	39½	26½
Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution				
Hunting	418½	+12½	446	197½
John Wood Group	198	-2	202½	125¾
Petrofac	14¼	+1	87½	10½
Personal Goods				
Burberry Group	972¼	+8	2257	958½
PZ Cussons	103¾	+1¼	175¾	83
Supergroup	5½		20½	1½
Unilever	4433		4460	3694
Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology				
AstraZeneca	12398	+58	12600	9501
Genus	1666	+14	2506	1637
GlaxoSmithKline	1618#	+1½	1812½	1316
Haleon	329¼	+3¾	341	308½
Hikma	2000	+23	2205	1722
Oxford Biomedica	315	+3½	464½	166¾
Real Estate Investment & Services				
Boot (Henry)	212	-1	228	170
Capital & Regional	61		63½	49¼
Cardiff Property	2300#		2450	2240
CLS Holdings	91½	+3	145¾	82
Foxtons	67½	+2½	71	34¼
Grainger	240½#	+4½	274¾	217½
Harworth Group	146	+3½	147	95½
Mountview Est.	9700		11450	9350
Panther Secs.	315		350	255
Rightmove	565¾	+8½	594¾	463
Savills	1118	+4	1178	763½
Wynnstay Props.	680#		730	625
Real Estate Investment Trusts				
Big Yellow Group	1186	+24	1264	910
British Land	416½#	-7½	444½	291¾
Capital & Counties	141	+2¼	147½	102½
Derwent London	2320	+22	2402	1779
F&C Commercial	77¾#	+½	84	61
Great Portland Est.	341#	+3½	369¾	295¾
Hammerson	28	+¼	29¾	21
Helical Bar	229½	+1½	279½	185
Land Securities	636½#	+27	725¼	559½
London & Stamford Prop	196½#	+2	210¼	156½
Primary Health	91¾	+1	106¼	85½
SEGRO	901	+9¾	940	679¼
Town Centre	147		160	110
Unite Group	906½	+12½	1057	847
Workspace Group	584	+12	604	454½
Software & Computer Services				
Computacenter	2962#	+54	2976	2026
Gresham Computing	162	+1	163	114
Intec Telecom	71¾			
Just Eat Takeaway	1046	+18	1467	914
Microgen	372	+2	380	230
Moneysupermarket	233	+2	283¾	208
Sage Group	1083½#	+5½	1282	868
Triad Group	290		298	105
Support Services				
Ashtead Group	5434	+14	6104	4667
Capita Group	14¼		30	12½
Costain Group	79¾	+1	87	43½
DCC	5695#	+50	6035	4171
De La Rue	98	+¾	102	30
Diploma	4186	+52	4252	2804
Essentra	167¾#	+3¼	190	143½
Experian Group	3716#	+3	3779	2390
Falkland Islands	245		273	205
Ferguson	15580#	-235	17685	11815
Hays	100¾	-1	110½	88½
Inchcape	763	+8½	847	624½
Intertek Group	4822#	+80	5075	3755
London Security	3050#		3100	2900
Macfarlane Group	123½		145	99
Mears Group	361	+2	394	253
Michael Page	441¼#		498½	365
Mitie Group	117½#	-1¾	124¼	92
Paypoint	637	+7	650	436
Rentokil Initial	454	+3¾	644	392½
Ricardo Group	492	-2	610	404
Robert Walters	421	+1	472	353
RS Group	735#	+9	839½	660½
Serco Group	172¼	+2	189¾	137
Shanks Group	693	+4	734	450
SIG	27¼	+¼	38	26
Smiths News	57¼#	+½	65½	40¾
Speedy Hire	32¾	+2	37¾	23½
SThree	433	+8½	439½	332
Travis Perkins	817½	+10½	914½	692¼
Trifast	72¾	+1¾	94	66¼
Technology Hardware & Equipment				
BATM Advanced	16½		29½	15¾
Spirent	184½	-¼	200	90
Tobacco				
British Amer.Tob	2460	+20	2735	2267
Imperial Brands	2043#	+28	2043	1580
Travel & Leisure				
888 Holdings	83	+¾	130	70½
Carnival	1130	+20½	1377	811½
Celtic	142½		145	116
Compass Group	2238#	+12	2323	1945½
Domino's Pizza	317¾	-3	424½	275¼
EasyJet	451	-4	577¾	360
Entain	673	+12	1403½	654½
Flutter Entert.	14725	+255	17475	12155
Fuller Smith & Turner	698	-2	728	542
Heavitree	265		290	265
InterContinental Htl	8300	+48	8752	5210
Intl Consolidated Airlines	171¼	+1¼	186½	138
Irish Continental Uts	466	-18	540	366
Marston's	31½	+¼	39	25¾
Mitchells & Butlers	294	-4	312½	199¼
National Express	47½	+½	107	46
Rank Group	72½	+½	103½	62½
Saga	117½	+2	156	104½
TUI AG	584	+10	677	401
Wetherspoon (JD)	742½	+7½	847½	613
Whitbread	2956#	+16	3678	2855
AIM				
Alumasc Group	192½		204	137½
Arbuthnot Banking	955#		1105	877½
Boohoo	35	+½	42	29¼
Brown (N.) Group	20½	+½	25	14
Camellia	4390	+110	5900	4270
Churchill China	1175		1470	1000
CML Microsystems	350		460	297½
CPP Group	166½	+1	191½	122½
Cropper (James)	345		845	230
Dewhurst	1190		1200	710
Fevertree Drinks	1023#	+7	1412	952
Filtronic	71	-1½	74	13½
Hornby	21		38½	14½
James Halstead	187	+1½	225	184½
Johnson Service	161¼	+3¾	171¼	101
Mothercare	4¾		8	3¾
Mpac Group	503	+2	530	187½
Naked Wine	60	+¾	106	28½
Nichols	1010	+24	1200	882
Norish	14		15	11
Northamber	39½		50½	35
Ovoca Gold	1		14	+½
Portmeirion	230		412	204
Renold	56	-1¾	64¾	27¼
Rockhopper Exploratn	15		15	10¼
Ten Alps	86½		97½	75
Titon Holdings	77½		90	62½
Volex	354½	+6	354½	270
Young & Co Brewery A.	958	-8	1230	946

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SHOUT OUT FOR SINGER

O'Brien to add more Group One glory to his Ascot tally

By **The Scout** (Melissa Jones)

OPERA SINGER (3.45, nb) is fancied to hit a high note in the Coronation Stakes on day four of Royal Ascot.

A champion juvenile, Aidan O'Brien's filly missed her shot at a first 2,000 Guineas title after a small setback.

It was a home game for round two, when the impressive five-length Prix Marcel Boussac winner arrived at the Curragh.

Given her stop-start training beforehand, she emerged with great credit with a third place to Karl Burke trainee Fallen Angel.

Opera Singer made giant strides as a two-year-old, improving with every outing with her stamina eked out a little more.

Having made excellent physical progress during her downtime, Justify's daughter has looks to match her profile and she can gain the upper hand over Newmarket Classic heroine Elmalka.

O'Brien and jockey Ryan Moore are tipped to reward their supporters with two other runners on the penultimate card.

With much of Coolmore's focus on Derby hero City Of Troy, several stablemates have taken a little longer to fulfil their potential.

Wednesday's Queen's Vase hero Illinois is one example – and downgraded **DIEGO VELAZQUEZ** (5.40, trb) is expected to match his Ascot achievement in the King Edward VII Stakes.

The £2.5million Frankel colt missed Epsom to run in the Prix Du Jockey Club, turned into a test exclusively for mudlovers after heavy rain.

Short of pace when fourth in the French 2,000 Guineas, he steps up to 1m 4f on fast ground, the first time he has encountered a decent playing surface since September of last year.

Trainer and jockey are also united with **FAIRY GODMOTHER** (2.30), the form horse going into the Albany Stakes.

A race on from her debut behind Sparkling Sea, she reversed the form after an interrupted passage in a Naas Group Three.

In a big field, the likelihood of a strong pace will be ideal for a youngster capable of producing a telling late burst. Moore has Willie Mullins onside for the Duke Of Edinburgh Stakes, riding popular pick **ETHICAL DIAMOND** (4.25).

Good enough to contest a brace of top-level novice hurdles at Leopardstown and Cheltenham, the four-year-old was pipped to the post on handicap debut.

Back up in trip, there is mileage in his rating given the stiff festival assignments over obstacles.

Two main players, Vandeek and Bucanero Fuerte were late withdrawals from the Commonwealth Cup (3.05), which has made **INISHERIN**'s task easier.

Supplemented at a cost of £46,000, Kevin Ryan's charge relished a distance reduction in the Sandy Lane Stakes – and that is unlikely to be his limit.

DORNEY LAKE (6.15), a treble candidate in the Palace Of Holyrood House Stakes, has caught the eye in races at Yarmouth and Lingfield, finishing strongly after showing bundles of enthusiasm for his job.

Saffie Osborne's mount **NOCTURNAL**, trained by James Ferguson, is an each-way play for the Sandringham Stakes (5.05).

ON SONG: Opera Singer is taken to beat the 1,000 Guineas winner

Varian excited by Coronation clash

By **Neil Randon**

ROGER VARIAN believes Elmalka can step up on her 1,000 Guineas success at Newmarket when she takes on a strong field for the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot today.

The Kingman filly was beaten into third on her seasonal reappearance in the Fred Darling at Newbury, but went from last to first under Silvestre de Sousa on the Rowley Mile to land the Guineas by a neck from Porta Fortuna at odds of 28-1. Ramatuelle was a further short head back in third.

Varian opted against sending her to the Irish Guineas – won by Fallen Angel – in favour of a break ahead of the Royal meeting.

Folgaria, Porta Fortuna and Ramatuelle reoppose from Newmarket, along with the race favourite Opera Singer, who missed the fillies Classic due to injury.

It promises to be a fascinating clash, and Varian is hopeful his charge is in top condition.

"We weren't tempted to go to Ireland, as she'd had two fairly quick runs, and she's training lovely," Varian, left, said.

"She looks great and seems to be getting stronger. She's not a flashy worker, but I don't mind that.

"She was a bit green at Newbury, and arguably at Newmarket too, but she's looking a bit more complete now and there's no reason to think Ascot's round mile won't suit. We are excited about running her."

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

ROYAL ASCOT: Good to firm

2.30–SHAREHOLDER (James Doyle, 12-1) 1; Tropical Storm (11-1) 2; Arizona Blaze (14-1) 3. 13 ran. 1l, hd. (K R Burke; 10-11 fav Whistlejacket). Tote: £13.00; pl £3.25, £3.40, £2.90. exacta: £173.70. tricast: £1916.43. trifecta: £1473.40. CSF: £123.41. Non-runner: Evening Saigon.

3.05–GOING THE DISTANCE (Rossa Ryan, 9-1) 1; Neski Sherelski (33-1) 2; Go Daddy (25-1) 3; Fouroneohfever (10-1) 4. H'cap 19 ran. 1/2l, 1/2l, 1 1/4l. (R Beckett; 5-1 fav Gilded Water). Tote: £12.50; pl £4.40, £15.60, £8.20. exacta: £582.80. tricast: £7063.03. trifecta: £17502.70. CSF: £298.70.

3.45–PORT FAIRY (R L Moore, 12-1) 1; Lava Stream (20-1) 2; Kalpana (9-4 fav) 3. 12 ran. nk, 1 3/4l. (A P O'Brien (IRE)). Tote: £13.95; pl £3.05, £4.45, £1.55. exacta: £191.40. tricast: £743.22. trifecta: £928.40. CSF: £232.00. Non-runner: Forest Fairy.

4.25–KYPRIOS (R L Moore, 11-10 fav) 1; Trawleman (7-1) 2; Sweet William (9-1) 3. 9 ran. 1l, 5l. (A P O'Brien (IRE)). Tote: £2.10; pl £1.25, £1.80, £2.65. exacta: £10.90. tricast: £42.90. trifecta: £62.90. CSF: £8.51. Non-runner: Trueshan.

5.05–MICKLEY (C Rodriguez, 15-2) 1; Skukuza (16-1) 2; Native Warrior (22-1) 3; Mission To Moon (25-1) 4. H'cap 29 ran. 3/4l, 2 1/2l, 3/4l. (E Bethell; 13-2 jtfav Qirat, 13-2 jtfav Volterra). Tote: £10.75; pl £3.25, £4.90, £4.10, £8.00. exacta: £236.40. tricast: £2613.66. trifecta: £3760.10. CSF: £101.32. Non-runners: Bergamasco, Grey Cuban, Miletus.

5.40–JAYAREBE (S M Levey, 7-1 2nd fav) 1; King's Gambit (2-1 fav) 2; Bellum Justum (10-1) 3. 12 ran. 3/4l, 1 3/4l. (B Meehan). Tote: £10.30; pl £3.15, £1.55, £3.50. exacta: £32.70. tricast: £144.34. trifecta: £452.30. CSF: £20.61.

6.15–ENGLISH OAK (James Doyle, 10-3 fav) 1; Billyjoh (28-1) 2; Carrytheone (25-1) 3; Mostabshir (16-1) 4. H'cap 26 ran. 3l, 1l, 1 1/4l. (E Walker). Tote: £4.34; pl £1.60, £4.00, £6.35, £5.45. exacta: £96.90. tricast: £2147.43. trifecta: £3323.20. CSF: £110.46. Non-runners: Awaal, Bopedro, Ropey Guest.

Jackpot: Not won, pool of £23,833.06 carried over.

Placepot: £682.30 Quadpot: £19.90

CHELMSFORD CITY: Standard

2.15–SUNSHINE STATE (J Hart, 5-2 2nd fav) 1; Cyclonite (2-1 fav) 2; Dark Thunderstorm (12-1) 3. 10 ran. 1/2l, 3 1/4l. (C Johnston). Tote: £3.50; pl £1.40, £1.30, £3.60. exacta: £8.90. trifecta: £66.00. CSF: £8.16.

2.50–ALMATY STAR (R Dawson, 4-1 2nd fav) 1; Emperor Spirit (18-1) 2; Dark Side Prince (11-2) 3. H'cap 8 ran. ns, 2 3/4l. (R Cowell; 7-4 fav Rocking Ends). Tote: £5.00; pl £1.60, £4.70, £1.40. exacta: £77.70. tricast: £401.63. trifecta: £311.10. CSF: £70.99. Non-runner: The Defiant.

3.30–EHTIRAM (D Muscutt, 9-4 2nd fav) 1; Expected Arrival (5-1) 2; Loves Loving (7-4 fav) 3. 12 ran. 2 3/4l, shd. (Owen Burrows). Tote: £3.25; pl £1.30, £2.10, £1.20. exacta: £13.40. trifecta: £33.30. CSF: £13.77.

4.10–ENFJAAR (J Mitchell, 6-4 fav) 1; Stay Well (7-2 2nd fav) 2; Zealot (28-1) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 1 3/4l, 1/2l. (R Varian). Tote: £2.50; pl £1.20, £1.50, £6.20. exacta: £6.90. tricast: £98.52. trifecta: £86.70. CSF: £6.77.

4.50–SHAHEEN SAQAAR (J Mitchell, 4-1) 1; Brassavola (7-2 2nd fav) 2; Night Breeze (3-1 fav) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 1/2l, nk. (E Dunlop). Tote: £5.00; pl £1.70, £2.00, £1.40. exacta: £20.80. tricast: £46.30. trifecta: £75.40. CSF: £17.89.

5.20–NOODLE MISSION (D Muscutt, 5-1) 1; Royal Parade (20-1) 2; Billy Mill (4-1 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 12 ran. 1l, 1 1/4l. (E Smyth-Osbourne; 2-1 fav Running Star). Tote: £6.00; pl £1.80, £6.40, £1.80. exacta: £120.90. tricast: £453.04. trifecta: £511.60. CSF: £108.22. Non-runner: Bora Bora.

Placepot: £21.20 Quadpot: £3.90

LINGFIELD: Aw: standard; turf: good to firm-good in places

6.25–CHICO DULCE (Mr F Yarham, 7-1 2nd fav) 1; Bakersboy (10-11 fav) 2; Dillydingdillydong (8-1) 3. H'cap 11 ran. 1/2l, 1 3/4l. (M Madgwick). Tote: £8.90; pl £2.40, £1.10, £2.00. exacta: £21.20. tricast: £56.43. trifecta: £101.90. CSF: £13.91.

7.00–MIDNIGHT RUMBLE (P-L Jamin, 5-2 fav) 1; Worrals (16-5 2nd fav) 2; Alpen Power (4-1) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 2 1/4l, 2 1/4l. (A King). Tote: £3.50; pl £1.20, £1.50, £1.50. exacta: £11.90. tricast: £27.81. trifecta: £33.70. CSF: £9.86.

7.30–SPIRIT OF LEROS (M Ghiani, 13-8 fav) 1; Pit Boss (11-2) 2; Tolerance (17-2) 3. 9 ran. 3l, hd. (M Botti). Tote: £2.63; pl £1.10, £1.70, £2.60. exacta: £9.30. trifecta: £55.10. CSF: £10.70. Non-runners: Badeco, Dinky Diva.

8.00–GILT EDGE (Gina Mangan, 7-1) 1; Top Button (6-1) 2; Essme (9-2 2nd fav) 3. 11 ran. 3/4l, shd. (C Mason; 11-4 fav Porfin). Tote: £8.80; pl £2.20, £2.60, £1.60. exacta: £58.10. trifecta: £323.60. CSF: £46.84.

8.30–YANTARNI (Josephine Gordon, 10-3 fav) 1; So Quiet (5-1) 2; Love De Vega (11-2) 3. Hodler (14-1) 3. H'cap 9 ran. 2 1/4l, 1l, dht. (I Williams). Tote: Yantarni £4.34; pl Yantarni £1.70, So Quiet £2.10, Hodler £1.90. exacta: Yantarni, So Quiet £26.50. tricast: Yantarni, So Quiet, Love De Vega £44.35, Yantarni, So Quiet, Hodler £102.29. trifecta: Yantarni, So Quiet, Love De Vega £51.10, Yantarni, So Quiet, Hodler £162.80. CSF: Yantarni, So Quiet £19.95.

9.00–SPRING IS SPRUNG (Archie Young, 11-8 fav) 1; Agostino (13-2) 2; Darlo Pride (22-1) 3. H'cap 6 ran. 3/4l, 1 1/4l. (P Midgley). Tote: £2.38; pl £1.20, £3.40. exacta: £12.60. trifecta: £82.10. CSF: £10.51.

Placepot: £10.20 Quadpot: £6.60

RIPON: Good to soft

1.35–SAMEEM (Mrs Emily Roberts, 5-1) 1; Rayena (22-1) 2; Stellarmasterpiece (7-2 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 3/4l, nk. (T Easterby; 9-4 fav Can Can Girl). Tote: £6.40; pl £1.90, £4.70, £1.80. exacta: £107.70. tricast: £436.30. trifecta: £683.80. CSF: £112.14.

2.05–LINE OF FORCE (S Gray, 3-1 fav) 1; Stapleford Park (6-1) 2; Lovely Spirit (4-1 2nd fav) 3. 10 ran. 4 3/4l, 3/4l. (K R Burke). Tote: £4.00; pl £1.70, £2.30, £1.40. exacta: £21.90. trifecta: £91.00. CSF: £21.06. Non-runner: Capla Daviekins.

2.40–RUN THIS WAY (D Nolan, 9-4 fav) 1; Impressor (14-1) 2; Canaria Queen (9-2 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 1/2l, 1/2l. (P Midgley). Tote: £3.25; pl £1.40, £3.90, £1.60. exacta: £38.20. tricast: £125.35. trifecta: £171.50. CSF: £37.10. Non-runner: Flavius Titus.

3.20–UP THE JAZZ (C Murtagh, 10-3 jt 2nd fav) 1; Hortzadar (15-2) 2; Garden Oasis (10-3 jt 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 7 ran. 1/2l, 1 1/4l. (R Fahey; 9-4 fav Ey Up Its The Boss). Tote: £4.34; pl £1.70, £3.90. exacta: £20.00. trifecta: £73.30. CSF: £27.39.

3.55–MARINE WAVE (Brandon Wilkie, 8-1) 1; Dakota Gold (9-2) 2; Mr Wagyu (9-2) 3. H'cap 7 ran. 1 1/4l, 3/4l. (R Fahey; 16-5 fav Manila Scouse). Tote: £9.40; pl £4.30, £2.40. exacta: £42.10. trifecta: £128.40. CSF: £42.04.

4.35–MY NOBLE LORD (K Stott, 11-8 fav) 1; Filibustering (5-2 2nd fav) 2; Carnival Day (14-1) 3. H'cap 6 ran. 4 3/4l, 1 1/2l. (M Bell). Tote: £2.38; pl £1.30, £1.40. exacta: £5.30. trifecta: £25.40. CSF: £4.87.

5.10–CROWN'S LADY (W Pyle, 22-1) 1; Aspire To Glory (12-1) 2; Likleman (12-1) 3. H'cap 9 ran. 1 1/4l, 1/2l. (Craig Lidster; 2-1 fav Loose Tongue). Tote: £26.20; pl £4.90, £3.20, £2.80. exacta: £207.90. tricast: £3292.27. trifecta: £4329.60. CSF: £250.51. Non-runner: Emu War.

Placepot: £53.20 Quadpot: £16.00

WOLVERHAMPTON: Standard

5.28–DIVINE PRESENCE (T Heard, 11-8 fav) 1; Pique' (9-4 2nd fav) 2; Love You Darling (12-1) 3. H'cap 5 ran. nk, 3 1/4l. (J & T Gosden). Tote: £2.38; pl £1.30, £1.40. exacta: £4.60. trifecta: £14.40. CSF: £4.74.

6.00–CAVALLO BAY (D Costello, 5-4 fav) 1; Brindavan (11-4 2nd fav) 2; Patrol (9-2) 3. 7 ran. 1/2l, 3l. (C Appleby). Tote: £2.25; pl £1.30, £1.70. exacta: £4.90. trifecta: £16.10. CSF: £4.62.

6.35–SUSTAINED (Dylan Hogan, 10-1) 1; Thanks Dad (10-3 jt 2nd fav) 2; Synthesize (10-3 jt 2nd fav) 3. 11 ran. 1l, 1 1/4l. (D & C Kubler; 11-4 fav Respectable Jack). Tote: £11.00; pl £3.20, £1.50, £1.50. exacta: £46.80. trifecta: £194.10. CSF: £42.95. Non-runner: Gaiety Musical.

7.10–FLYING PANTHER (S D Bowen, 5-4 fav) 1; Trackman (17-2) 2; Eva Rosie (25-1) 3. 11 ran. 2 1/4l, 1/2l. (James Owen). Tote: £2.25; pl £1.10, £2.20, £4.30. exacta: £14.80. trifecta: £129.70. CSF: £12.79.

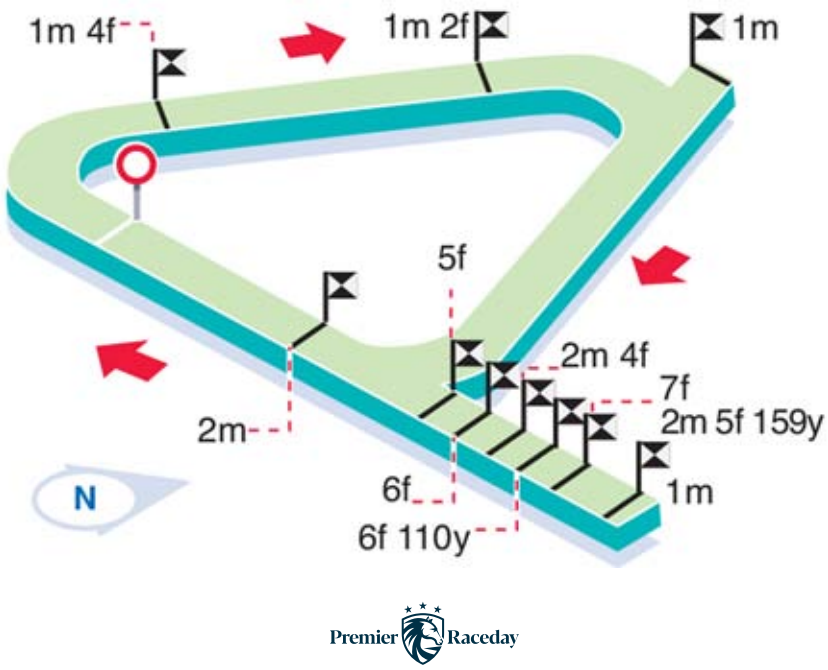
7.40–NIGHT LARK (R Clutterbuck, 11-2 2nd fav) 1; Luas (17-2) 2; Garden View (25-1) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 1/2l, 3/4l. (R Beckett; 4-6 fav Muttasil). Tote: £9.00; pl £1.90, £1.90, £3.80. exacta: £56.90. tricast: £1091.59. trifecta: £668.80. CSF: £52.29. Non-runner: Rich Harry.

8.10–BAROQUE BUOY (Liam Wright, 11-8 fav) 1; Sugarloaf Lenny (15-8 2nd fav) 2; Treasure Storm (40-1) 3. H'cap 9 ran. nk, 3/4l. (G Scott). Tote: £2.40; pl £1.10, £1.10, £6.60. exacta: £4.90. tricast: £60.11. trifecta: £81.30. CSF: £4.06.

8.40–USTATH (C Fallon, 5-2 fav) 1; Wakai Umi (9-2) 2; More Than Likely (11-1) 3. H'cap 8 ran. 1/2l, 1 1/4l. (R Fell & S Murray). Tote: £3.50; pl £1.40, £1.90, £3.20. exacta: £13.90. tricast: £98.51. trifecta: £85.80. CSF: £13.90. Non-runner: Josies Kid.

Placepot: £14.30

Quadpot: £8.80



TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good to Firm. Right Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** Ryan Moore 12% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** J & T Gosden 15% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 2.30 Cradle Of Love (blinkers), Burning Pine (blinkers), 3.05 Pocklington (visor), Starlust (blinkers), 4.25 Mandoob (wind surgery), 5.05 Everlasting (visor), Julica (hood), 5.40 Macduff (cheek pieces), Harper's Ferry (tongue strap), The Euphrates (visor), 6.15 Tazara (hood). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 2.30 Simmering, Substitute. 3.05 Classic Flower, Givemethebeatboys. 4.25 Fairbanks(hcp), Kolossal, La Yakel(hcp), Vaguely Royal(hcp). 5.05 D Flawless, Flight Of Fancy(hcp), Sattwaa, Shin Jidai(hcp). 5.40 Diego Velazquez, Space Legend. 6.15 Markakol. **DRAW:** No significant advantage. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Kitty Rose** (5.05) Australia; **Classic Flower** (3.05), **Rouhiya** (3.45), **Ramatuelle** (3.45), **Julica** (5.05), **Calandagan** (5.40), **Mondo Man** (5.40), **Tazara** (6.15) France; **Heavens Gate** (2.30), **Fairy Godmother** (2.30), **Military** (3.05), **Porta Fortuna** (3.45), **Content** (3.45), **Opera Singer** (3.45), **Everlasting** (5.05), **Flight Of Fancy** (5.05), **Chief Little Rock** (5.40), **Agenda** (5.40), **Diego Velazquez** (5.40), **The Euphrates** (5.40) Ireland; **Bellarchi** (5.05) & **Blue Storm** (6.15) 279 miles; **Burning Pine** (2.30) United States. **STABLE SWITCH:** 4.25 **Kolossal** from Carmen Bocskai to J Osborne. 5.05 **Kitty Rose** from N Lupini in Ireland to M & M M Kent Jnr. 5.40 **Mondo Man** from P&J Brandt to P Brandt. 6.15 **Thunder Blue** from D F Davis to J Osborne.

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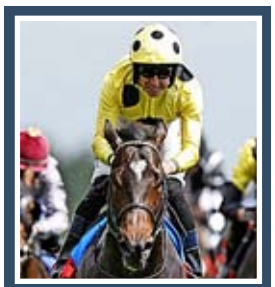

TOP FORM: Inisherin

Ryan In full focus

By **Neil Randon**

KEVIN RYAN is fully focused on Inisherin rather than the opposition ahead of his bid for glory in the Commonwealth Cup today.

Having previously run with credit when sixth in the 2,000 Guineas the Shamardal colt looked very much at home over six furlongs when an impressive winner of the Sandy Lane Stakes at Haydock, galloping on strongly from the front to see off the reopposing Orne by three and three-quarter lengths, with star juvenile and hot favourite Vandeek back in third.

The win prompted him to be supplemented for the Commonwealth Cup at a cost of £46,000, and he is a firm favourite to strike Group One gold.

"His preparation has gone great. He's in great form and I'm really looking forward to running him," said Ryan.

"Hopefully I am right that this ground will suit him and if it does he has a great chance."

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THE SCOUT

2.30 Fairy Godmother
3.05 Inisherin
3.45 OPERA SINGER (nb)
4.25 Ethical Diamond
5.05 Nocturnal
5.40 DIEGO VELAZQUEZ
6.15 Dorney Lake

2.30 ALBANY STAKES (FILLIES' GROUP 3) 2 Y O £70,888 (Class 1) 6f (17 declared) ITV

1 1 **BURNING PINE (56)** 9 2 ..... **J Rosario 94**
(4) Runs: 1 Wins: 1(A) £37,591
Trainer: W A Ward (USA) Owner: Hat Creek Racing

2 23 **CALIFORNIA DREAMER (33)** 9 2 ..... **David Egan 100**
(3) Runs: 2 Places: 1 £9,217
Trainer: A Murray (IRE) Owner: Amo Racing Limited/giselle De Aguiar

3 132 **CONVO (19)** 9 2 ..... **T Marquand 91**
(9) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(S) Places: 1 £29,089
Trainer: Miss A Murphy Owner: Daniel MacAuliffe & Anoj Don

4 332 **CRADLE OF LOVE (19)** 9 2 ..... **D McMonagle 84**
(14) Runs: 3 Places: 2 £6,870
Trainer: J P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Mv Magnier/mrsshanahan/maclennan/magni

5 21 ● **FAIRY GODMOTHER (33) (D,T)** 9 2 **R L Moore ★104**
(6) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(G) Places: 1 £39,652
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Mr M Tabor, D Smith & Mrs John Magni

6 21 **HEAVENS GATE (26) (D,T)** 9 2 ..... **W M Lordan 100**
(17) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(G) Places: 1 £17,391
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Mr M Tabor, D Smith & Mrs John Magni

7 11 **HOT DARLING (37)** 9 2 ..... **S De Sousa 94**
(8) Runs: 2 Wins: 2(S,GS) £49,304
Trainer: Miss A Murphy Owner: Mr Nurlan Bizakov

8 19 **JAYVEE (35) (T)** 9 2 ..... **C D Hayes 85**
(5) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(S) £4,050
Trainer: B Ellison Owner: Medallion, Aldabbagh & Weston

9 4 **KYLIE OF LOCHALSH (42)** 9 2 ..... **H Turner 66**
(2) Runs: 1 £1,902
Trainer: G Kelleway Owner: Mr Bev Hendry

10 1 **LIBERALISED (15) (D,T)** 9 2 ..... **D Tudhope 84**
(15) Runs: 1 Wins: 1(G) £4,050
Trainer: K R Burke Owner: Clipper

11 11 **MOUNTAIN BREEZE (34) (D,F)** 9 2 ..... **W Buick 103**
(12) Runs: 2 Wins: 2(G) £41,232
Trainer: C Appleby Owner: Godolphin

12 24 **NAD ALSHIBA SNOW (13)** 9 2 ..... **Rossa Ryan 85**
(7) Runs: 2 Places: 1 £4,862
Trainer: M Appleby Owner: Mr Jaber Abdullah

13 3 **PEREGRINE FALCON (14) (T)** 9 2 ..... **C T Keane 84**
(1) Runs: 1 Places: 1 £1,565
Trainer: E Mullins (IRE) Owner: Emmet Mullins/paul Byrne

14 1 **ROYALTY BAY (22) (D,T)** 9 2 ..... **J Hart 89**
(16) Runs: 1 Wins: 1(S) £4,711
Trainer: J & S Quinn Owner: Eco-power Racing

15 3 **SIMMERING (27)** 9 2 ..... **J P Spencer 89**
(11) Runs: 1 Places: 1 £2,536
Trainer: Ollie Sangster Owner: Mrs Bv Sangster,justin Casse & Dr J Be

16 13 **SUBSTITUTE (22) (D,T)** 9 2 ..... **O Murphy 91**
(10) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(G) £6,338
Trainer: C Johnston Owner: Kingsley Park 39 - Gold

17 1 **TWAFEEG (20)** 9 2 ..... **H Doyle 96**
(13) Runs: 1 Wins: 1(G) £3,672
Trainer: A Watson Owner: Sheikh Hamed Dalmook Al Maktoum

BLINKERS: Nos. 1, 4.
Forecast: 13-8 Fairy Godmother, 5-2 Mountain Breeze, 8 Heavens Gate, Twafeeg, 12 California Dreamer, 14 Burning Pine, Royalty Bay, 20 Simmering, Liberalised, 25 Others.
2023: Porta Fortuna 9-2, Frankie Dettori 5-1 (Donnacha O'Brien(Ire)), drawn (8), 17 ran.
GUIDE: Closely related to the stable's star two-year-old Pinatubo, who himself won at the Royal meeting, **MOUNTAIN BREEZE** has made quite the impression on both career outings, and her most recent success at Newmarket (6f, gd) screamed of a juvenile with Group 1 potential. Trainer Aidan O'Brien won this two years ago with Meditate and **Fairy Godmother** follows the same route as her, having got up late to snatch a Group 3 at Naas (6f, gd) last month. Stablemate **Heavens Gate** must enter calculations after a taking success at the Curragh (6f, gd), while US raider **Burning Pine** and Doncaster (7f, gd) debut winner **Twafeeg** are others to note.

3.05 COMMONWEALTH CUP (GROUP 1) (BRITISH CHAMPIONS SERIES) 3YO £411,573 (1) 6f (15) ITV

1 13178-1 **ELITE STATUS (34) (D,F,T)** 9 2 ..... **C Lee 122**
(4) Runs: 7 Wins: 4(S,G) Places: 1 £110,452
Trainer: K R Burke Owner: Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

2 1L29-1 **EVADE (21) (D)** 9 2 ..... **O Murphy 116**
(15) Runs: 5 Wins: 2(S,GS) Places: 1 £89,524
Trainer: A Watson Owner: Resolute & Qatar Racing

3 1434-12 **GIVEMETHEBEATBOYS (33) (D,T)** 9 2 ..... **S Foley 115**
(14) Runs: 7 Wins: 3(S,G) Places: 1 £122,310
Trainer: J Harrington (IRE) Owner: Bronsan Racing/exors Of Theresa Marnan

4 2-161 ● **INISHERIN (27) (D,T)** 9 2 ..... **T Eaves ★125**
(1) Runs: 4 Wins: 2(S,A) Places: 1 £86,329
Trainer: K Ryan Owner: Sheikh Mohammed Obaid Al Maktoum

5 2118L-1 **JASOUR (51) (C&D,F)** 9 2 ..... **J Crowley 117**
(5) Runs: 6 Wins: 3(F,GS) Places: 1 £108,312
Trainer: C Cox Owner: AlMohamediya Racing

6 1 **KIND OF BLUE (34) (D)** 9 2 ..... **D Muscutt 100**
(3) Runs: 2 Wins: 2(F,A) £8,100
Trainer: J Fanshawe Owner: Michelle Morris & Jan & Peter Hopper

7 12417- **LAKE FOREST (265) (D)** 9 2 ..... **T Marquand 113**
(8) Runs: 5 Wins: 2(F) Places: 1 £179,106
Trainer: W Haggas Owner: Tony Bloom & Ian McAleavy

8 3-9 **LOUIS BARTHAS (34)** 9 2 ..... **J F Egan 91**
(7) Runs: 2 Places: 1 £862
Trainer: Ollie Sangster Owner: Redknapp,donelly,gardiner&Orbital Raci

9 1264-4 **MALC (34) (T)** 9 2 ..... **Oisin Orr 108**
(12) Runs: 5 Wins: 1(F) Places: 1 £41,398
Trainer: R Fahey Owner: Middleham Park Racing LXVI

10 143-544 **MILITARY (33) (D,T)** 9 2 ..... **R L Moore 109**
(9) Runs: 6 Wins: 1 £21,771
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Westerberg/magnier/tabor/smith/brant

11 233202 **ORNE (27)** 9 2 ..... **K Shoemark 114**
(11) Runs: 9 Wins: 2(S,A) Places: 5 £168,343
Trainer: J & T Gosden Owner: Al Shaqab Racing

12 115 **POCKLINGTON (34) (D)** 9 2 ..... **H Russell 106**
(10) Runs: 3 Wins: 2(A) £14,331
Trainer: G Oldroyd Owner: Bond Thoroughbred Limited

13 53-2361 **STARLUST (27) (D)** 9 2 ..... **Rossa Ryan 121**
(6) Runs: 12 Wins: 4(A,GS,G) Places: 5 £185,299
Trainer: R Beckett Owner: Mrs Fitri Hay

14 251-222 **CLASSIC FLOWER (35) (D)** 8 13 ..... **M Barzalona 117**
(2) Runs: 9 Wins: 3(GS) Places: 4 £193,113
Trainer: P Cottier (FR) Owner: Gousserie Racing & Jean-etienne Dubois

15 21-111 **PANDORA'S GIFT (50) (D)** 8 13 ..... **S M Levey 113**
(13) Runs: 5 Wins: 4(A) Places: 1 £82,165
Trainer: S C Williams Owner: James Parry And Partners

BLINKERS: Nos. 10, 11, 13 VISOR: No. 12 TONGUE STRAP: No. 10.
Forecast: 9-4 Inisherin, 7-2 Elite Status, 5 Jasour, 10 Starlust, 12 Givemethebeatboys, 16 Malc, 20 Military, Kind Of Blue, Pocklington, Lake Forest, Pandora's Gift, Evade, Orne, 33 Others.
2023: Shaquille 9-2, Oisin Murphy 9-1 (J Camacho), drawn (4), 13 ran.
GUIDE: After leading until two furlongs out in the 2000 Guineas, dropping in both class and trip paid handsomely for **Inisherin** in the Sandy Lane at Haydock (6f, sft) last month and the son of Shamardal should be a key player if gaining an uncontested lead. However, with other pace angles **Pandora's Gift** and **Kind Of Blue** in attendance, that scenario is unlikely, and **GIVEMETHEBEATBOYS**, who often finish his races with a flourish, could have things teed up nicely. A Listed race winner at Navan (6f gd-yld) on his seasonal debut, before a game second in the Group 3 Lacken Stakes (6f, gd) at the same venue last month, the selection is progressing well and a top-table success is within reach here. **Elite Status** and the first-time visored **Pocklington** offer place-money appeal.

3.45 CORONATION STAKES (FILLIES' GRP 1) (RND) 3YO £368,615 (1) 7f 213yds (10) ITV

1 12614-8 **CONTENT (40) (D,T)** 9 2 ..... **W M Lordan 113**
(3) Runs: 8 Wins: 2(S,G) Places: 1 £66,121
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Westerberg/mrs J Magnier/m Tabor/d Smi

2 1-11 **DEVOTED QUEEN (35) (D)** 9 2 ..... **Doubtful**
(10) Runs: 3 Wins: 3(S,A,G) £60,650
Trainer: C Appleby Owner: Godolphin

3 1-31 **ELMALKA (47) (D,F)** 9 2 ..... **James Doyle ★120**
(7) Runs: 3 Wins: 2(A,G) £309,729
Trainer: R Varian Owner: Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum

4 11-10 **FOLGARIA (40) (D)** 9 2 ..... **H Doyle 111**
(4) Runs: 4 Wins: 3(GS,G) £184,375
Trainer: M Botti Owner: Scuderia Sagam Srls

5 81211-3 ● **OPERA SINGER (26) (D,T)** 9 2 ..... **R L Moore 119**
(9) Runs: 6 Wins: 3(GS,G) Places: 2 £315,160
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: M Tabor/d Smith/mrs J Magnier/westerbe

6 12312-2 **PORTA FORTUNA (47) (C,T)** 9 2 ..... **T Marquand 118**
(5) Runs: 8 Wins: 4(F,S,G) Places: 4 £492,776
Trainer: Donnacha O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Medallion/s Weston/b Fowler/reeves T'b

7 2112-23 **RAMATUELLE (47)** 9 2 ..... **O Murphy 118**
(1) Runs: 7 Wins: 3(S,GS) Places: 4 £279,392
Trainer: C H Head (FR) Owner: Infinity 9 Horses/c W Knok

8 31-31 **ROUHIYA (40) (D)** 9 2 ..... **M Guyon 115**
(2) Runs: 4 Wins: 2(A,G) Places: 2 £323,126
Trainer: F Graffard (FR) Owner: H H Aga Khan

9 123-0 **SEE THE FIRE (47)** 9 2 ..... **D Probert 112**
(6) Runs: 4 Wins: 1(G) Places: 2 £95,062
Trainer: A Balding Owner: Mr J C Smith

10 412-8 **SKELLET (26)** 9 2 ..... **Rossa Ryan 108**
(8) Runs: 4 Wins: 1(F) Places: 1 £29,313
Trainer: R Beckett Owner: Juddmonte

HOOD: No. 2.
Forecast: 6-4 Opera Singer, 7-2 Elmalka, 4 Ramatuelle, 7 Porta Fortuna, 10 Rouhiya, 25 Skellet, See The Fire, Content, 33 Others.
2023: Tahiyra 9-2, Chris Hayes 8-13 Fav (D K Weld(Ire)), drawn (3), 6 ran.
GUIDE: A mouth-watering renewal sees some high-grade performers heading to post to do battle once more. The leading three in the 1000 Guineas (1m, gd) all reoppose here with **Elmalka** (first) likely to confirm the form with **Porta Fortuna** (second) and **Ramatuelle** (third) with a more alert start on a track which appears likely to be better suited to Roger Varian's filly. That said, **OPERA SINGER** makes most appeal for the irrepressible Aidan O'Brien, who seeks to land a fourth win in the race. This daughter of Justify appears to have needed the run when third in the Irish 1,000 Guineas (1m, gd-yld) and she is expected to improve plenty for that outing.

4.25 DUKE OF EDINBURGH STAKES (HANDICAP) £56,694 (2) 1m 3f 211yds (21) ITV4

1 8/11127- **KOLOSSAL (250) (D)** 6 9 12 ..... **S Osborne 106**
(12) Runs: 16 Wins: 5(S,G) Places: 3 £115,408
Trainer: J Osborne Owner: Barratt Racing

2 455-51L **TEUMESSIAS FOX (84) (D)** 5 9 12 ..... **Doubtful**
(14) Runs: 19 Wins: 4(A,G) Places: 3 £75,654
Trainer: A Balding Owner: King Power Racing Co Ltd

3 0131-11 **CRYSTAL BLACK (27) (T)** 6 9 10 ..... **C T Keane 105**
(4) Runs: 17 Wins: 5(S,G) Places: 2 £159,853
Trainer: G Keane (IRE) Owner: Wear A Pink Ribbon Syndicate

4 123250/ **MANDOOB (714) (D)** 6 9 10 ..... **S M Levey –**
(17) Runs: 7 Wins: 2(F,A) Places: 2 £62,773
Trainer: B Meehan Owner: Mr Oisin Fanning

5 57217-5 **SAFECRACKER (27) (D,T)** 6 9 8 ..... **W Buick 107**
(11) Runs: 21 Wins: 3(F,A,G) Places: 10 £140,932
Trainer: J P Murtagh (IRE) Owner: Godolphin

6 14/2512- **LA YAKEL (251) (C&D)** 5 9 7 ..... **Doubtful**
(1) Runs: 9 Wins: 3(S,A,GS) Places: 5 £113,829
Trainer: W Haggas Owner: Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum

7 11310-6 **CUMULONIMBUS (146) (D)** 5 9 4 ..... **H Doyle 108**
(10) Runs: 15 Wins: 5(F,GS,G) Places: 3 £118,594
Trainer: G Baker Owner: The Cashmere Club

8 22/LL0-6 **EPIC POET (35) (T)** 5 9 4 ..... **D Tudhope 108**
(16) Runs: 11 Wins: 3(GS) Places: 3 £94,466
Trainer: D O'Meara Owner: Akela Thoroughbreds Limited

9 64411-2 **DEAKIN (27) (D)** 4 9 4 ..... **D McMonagle 106**
(21) Runs: 7 Wins: 2(S) Places: 3 £26,040
Trainer: J P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: O T I Racing

10 1601L-0 **MARHABA THE CHAMP (37) (D,T)** 5 9 3 ..... **R Ryan 108**
(7) Runs: 11 Wins: 3(F,GS) Places: 1 £94,210
Trainer: K Ryan Owner: Mr Jaber Abdullah

11 112/24-1 **BAGUE D'OR (47) (C,D)** 6 9 3 ..... **D Muscutt 106**
(22) Runs: 15 Wins: 5(F,G) Places: 5 £142,518
Trainer: J Ferguson Owner: Mr S Fustok

12 11-38 **PARTY CENTRAL (3) (D,T)** 8 9 3 ..... **D McDonogh 106**
(15) Runs: 4 Wins: 2(S) Places: 1 £17,815
Trainer: G Elliott (IRE) Owner: Bective Stud

13 7/2104-1 **SEA KING (55) (D)** 5 9 3 ..... **L Morris 106**
(6) Runs: 14 Wins: 4(S,F,A) Places: 1 £59,161
Trainer: Sir M Prescott Owner: Mr Neil Boyden

14 111-612 **FAIRBANKS (19) (D)** 4 9 1 ..... **O Murphy 108**
(2) Runs: 9 Wins: 4(F,A,GS) Places: 1 £41,988
Trainer: A Balding Owner: Mr George Strawbridge

15 23412- **SHADOW DANCE (252) (D,F)** 4 9 1 ..... **J Doyle 110**
(19) Runs: 5 Wins: 1(G) Places: 3 £42,620
Trainer: R Varian Owner: Newsells Park Stud - Waldmark Syndicat

16 431-2 ● **ETHICAL DIAMOND (40) (D,T)** 4 9 1 ..... **R L Moore 108**
(18) Runs: 4 Wins: 1 Places: 2 £11,147
Trainer: W P Mullins (IRE) Owner: H O S Syndicate

17 442-903 **STRUTH (13) (D,T)** 4 9 1 ..... **R Kingscote ★112**
(8) Runs: 17 Wins: 2(S,F) Places: 5 £99,900
Trainer: C Johnston Owner: Mrs S Russell & A M Russell

18 1-53525 **VAGUELY ROYAL (27) (D)** 4 9 1 ..... **K Shoemark 111**
(5) Runs: 13 Wins: 3(F,A) Places: 4 £69,362
Trainer: J & T Gosden Owner: Mr B E Nielsen

19 399/115- **SHEER ROCKS (349) (C&D)** 5 9 0 ..... **C Bishop 110**
(9) Runs: 13 Wins: 5(S,F,G) Places: 1 £89,257
Trainer: E J-Houghton Owner: Anthony Pye-jeary And David Ian

20 01/23-22 **ZIGGY (20) (D)** 6 9 0 ..... **T Marquand 109**
(13) Runs: 15 Wins: 3(A,G) Places: 7 £64,877
Trainer: Harry Eustace Owner: Sarabex And Aragon Racing

21 4L03-11 **TONY MONTANA (27)** 4 9 0 ..... **David Egan 110**
(3) Runs: 10 Wins: 3(G) Places: 2 £40,986
Trainer: M Bell Owner: AMO Racing Limited

VISOR: No. 14 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 5, 7, 9, 12 CHEEK: Nos. 7, 9, 17, 18 HOOD: No. 5.
Forecast: 5-2 Ethical Diamond, 5 Crystal Black, 6 Deakin, 10 Shadow Dance, 14 Safecracker, Sea King, 16 Fairbanks, Vaguely Royal, Bague D'or, Ziggy, 20 Others.
2023: Okita Soushi 5-9-9, Ryan Moore 9-1 (J P O'Brien(Ire)), drawn (9), 18 ran.
GUIDE: Joseph O'Brien landed this contest 12 months ago and his representative **Deakin** is weighted to reverse the form of his recent Curragh (1m2f, gd) with **Crystal Black** (winner), especially with a wide draw being more of an advantage. **Bague D'or** produced a career-best performance when winning on his reappearance at Newmarket (1m6f, gd) last month and further progress isn't out of the question, but the vote goes to Willie Mullins' **ETHICAL DIAMOND**. The four-year-old just failed to pick up a well-supported rival at Leopardstown (1m2f, gd) last time out but he has plenty of untapped potential and is a fascinating contender back over further. Others to note include **Sea King** and **Fairbanks**.

★ INSPIRAL will stay at a mile and a quarter, despite her defeat in Wednesday's Prince Of Wales's Stakes – with the Juddmonte International at York and Goodwood's Nassau Stakes possible targets. The Cheveley Park Stud-owned mare, returned sixth of 10 behind Auguste Rodin on her second try at the trip. "I don't think we necessarily have to go back to a mile, but I think you just need a less severe test of stamina," said joint-trainer John Gosden.

5.05 SANDRINGHAM STAKES (FILLIES' HCAP) (STR) 3YO £56,694 (2) 1m (31) ITV4

1 112-2 KITTY ROSE (75) 9 9 .... O Murphy 100
(22) Runs: 4 Wins: 2(G) Places: 2 £85,671
Trainer: M & M M Kent Jnr (AUS) Owner: Mr Tim Porter

2 71-4301 EVERLASTING (13) (D,T) 9 7 .... R L Moore 102
(6) Runs: 6 Wins: 2(S,G) £45,822
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: M Tabor/d Smith/mrs J Magnier/westerbe

3 1181-64 JULICA (29) (D) 9 6 .... W Buick 101
(16) Runs: 6 Wins: 3(S,GS,G) £59,207
Trainer: C Ferland (FR) Owner: Wathnan Racing

4 3237-53 SOPRANO (20) 9 5 .... Billy Loughnane 102
(18) Runs: 8 Wins: 1(G) Places: 5 £54,724
Trainer: G Boughey Owner: Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Da Vin

5 130-132 ASIAN DAZE (13) (T) 9 2 .... B M Coen 106
(25) Runs: 10 Wins: 3(S,G) Places: 2 £52,705
Trainer: J P Murtagh (IRE) Owner: Geoff Wilson, G Waterhouse, A Bott

6 15-1 FOREVER BLUE (15) 9 0 .... James Doyle 98
(2) Runs: 3 Wins: 2(S,G) £18,352
Trainer: R Beckett Owner: Wathnan Racing

7 L1344- HARD TO RESIST (238) 9 0 .... T Marquand 102
(17) Runs: 5 Wins: 1(S) £26,440
Trainer: W Haggas Owner: HM The King & HM The Queen

8 3115-L ZENJABEELA (35) 8 13 .... M Barzalona 101
(8) Runs: 5 Wins: 2(A,G) £14,792
Trainer: R Varian Owner: Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum

9 111-21 FAIR ANGELLICA (23) 8 13 .... F Marsh 109
(7) Runs: 5 Wins: 4(S,A) Places: 1 £34,469
Trainer: R Hughes Owner: Mrs W Miller

10 5-342 FLIGHT OF FANCY (26) 8 13 .... W M Lordan 108
(23) Runs: 4 Places: 1 £13,477
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: M Tabor/d Smith/mrs J Magnier/westerbe

11 31-14 ROCHELLE (12) 8 12 .... David Egan 105
(19) Runs: 4 Wins: 2(A) Places: 1 £14,375
Trainer: K P De Foy Owner: Franconson Partners

12 21-2 WITHOUT WORDS (19) (D) 8 11 .... D McMonagle 110
(20) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(G) Places: 2 £19,415
Trainer: J P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Mr John C Oxley

13 312L-99 GUSHING GOLD (27) 8 11 .... C Hutchinson(3) 108
(24) Runs: 9 Wins: 1(F) Places: 4 £69,105
Trainer: A Balding Owner: Mr Salem Rashid Bin Ghadayer

14 732-126 SATTWAA (32) (D) 8 11 .... L Morris 105
(30) Runs: 6 Wins: 1(A) Places: 3 £10,981
Trainer: A Watson Owner: Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum

15 14-23 ULURU (19) 8 11 .... M Guyon 108
(28) Runs: 4 Wins: 1(S) £24,171
Trainer: J P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Team Valor International LLC

16 312165 BELLARCHI (21) (C&D,T) 8 10 .... Brandon Wilkie(5) 107
(26) Runs: 20 Wins: 5(F,A,GS,G) Places: 7 £73,704
Trainer: G Tuer Owner: Nick Bradley Racing 19 And Partner

17 21-1 INDELIBLE (21) (D) 8 10 .... H Crouch 112
(4) Runs: 3 Wins: 2(A,GS) Places: 1 £12,147
Trainer: R Beckett Owner: Juddmonte

18 212 CAT NINJA (16) (D) 8 10 .... K Shoemark 104
(29) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(F) Places: 2 £25,433
Trainer: J & T Gosden Owner: Mr George Strawbridge

19 015-259 MARCELLA (26) 8 9 .... D Probert 109
(21) Runs: 6 Wins: 1(S) Places: 1 £15,193
Trainer: A Balding Owner: Dahlbury Racing

20 181-431 ARISAIG (20) (D,T) 8 8 .... J P Spencer 110
(12) Runs: 6 Wins: 3(A,G) £15,748
Trainer: C Johnston Owner: Chasemore Farm

21 61-1 ● NOCTURNAL (83) (D) 8 8 .... S Osborne 103
(32) Runs: 3 Wins: 2(F,A) £9,720
Trainer: J Ferguson Owner: Ladyswood & Ptnrs

22 511 ZAYNAB (26) (D,T) 8 7 .... D McDonogh 106
(14) Runs: 3 Wins: 2(S,G) £37,043
Trainer: G Elliott (IRE) Owner: Bective Stud

23 L63-114 MY MARGIE (41) (D) 8 5 .... Jack Doughty(5) 108
(13) Runs: 6 Wins: 2(A) Places: 1 £13,997
Trainer: R Hughes Owner: Exors Of The Late Mr R A Gander

24 521-41 MRS MORRELL (25) 8 4 .... T Heard(3) 109
(3) Runs: 5 Wins: 2(S,A) Places: 1 £14,029
Trainer: J & T Gosden Owner: The Thoroughbred Racing Corporation Lt

25 4-21 VIENNOISE (77) 8 2 .... H Doyle 105
(31) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(A) Places: 1 £7,263
Trainer: A Watson Owner: Benevente

26 0921-17 RAKNAH (54) (D,T) 8 2 .... J Fanning 107
(27) Runs: 9 Wins: 2(A) Places: 2 £33,082
Trainer: J Harrington (IRE) Owner: Blessingndisguise Partnership

27 621-454 STRUTTING (12) 8 2 .... Miss Rachel King ★113
(33) Runs: 6 Wins: 1(A) Places: 1 £18,113
Trainer: J & T Gosden Owner: Mr Zhang Yuesheng

28 2-13 D FLAWLESS (14) (D) 8 2 .... K O'Neill 105
(10) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(A) Places: 2 £7,752
Trainer: J & T Gosden Owner: Prince A A Faisal

29 33-221 BATTLE QUEEN (31) (D) 8 2 .... H Turner 110
(1) Runs: 5 Wins: 1(G) Places: 4 £14,483
Trainer: A Balding Owner: Victorious Racing

30 321-3 LOU LOU'S GIFT (23) 8 2 .... Doubtful
(9) Runs: 4 Wins: 1(A) Places: 3 £9,846
Trainer: W Haggas Owner: Mr A E Oppenheimer

31 134-12 SHIN JIDAI (23) 8 2 .... S De Sousa 108
(11) Runs: 5 Wins: 2(A,G) Places: 1 £17,889
Trainer: R Varian Owner: Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners

VISOR: No. 2 HOOD: Nos. 3, 19, 30.

Forecast: 4 Indelible, 8 Everlasting, 10 Kitty Rose, Zaynab, 12 Forever Blue, Flight Of Fancy, 14 Without Words, Hard To Resist, 16 Others.

2023: Coppice 9-3, Frankie Dettori 6-1 JtFav (J & T Gosden), drawn (25), 29 ran.

GUIDE: Ralph Beckett holds a strong hand in this contest with his pair **Indelible** and Forever Blue, who both have very similar profiles as they have two wins out of their three starts. Slight preference is for the former, as she is proven over this distance and was arguably worth more than the winning margin suggests at Doncaster (1m, gd-sft) last time. However, a chance can be taken on the Charlie Johnston-trained **ARISAIG**. The daughter of Harry Angel impressed with a last-to-first finish at Lingfield (7f, gd) earlier in the month and she is only 6lb higher for that triumph. Jamie Spencer is a real eye-catching jockey booking and she could find the big chunk of improvement needed to take this valuable prize. **Cat Ninja** and **Nocturnal** are others to keep a close eye on.

5.40 KING EDWARD VII STAKES (GROUP 2) 3YO £154,818 (1)1m 3f 211yds (14) ITV4

1 3-12 AGENDA (44) (T) 9 2 .... D McMonagle 118
(4) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(A) Places: 2 £38,338
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Tabor/smith/mrs J Magnier/brant

2 31-211 CALANDAGAN (29) 9 2 .... S Pasquier 115
(13) Runs: 5 Wins: 3(S,A) Places: 2 £108,882
Trainer: F Graffard (FR) Owner: H H Aga Khan

3 2122-31 CHIEF LITTLE ROCK (26) (T) 9 2 .... W M Lordan 114
(1) Runs: 6 Wins: 2(G) Places: 3 £82,239
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Mrs John Magnier,mr M Tabor & Mr D Smi

4 16-27 DEFIANCE (41) 9 2 .... S De Sousa 108
(3) Runs: 4 Wins: 1(GS) Places: 1 £17,838
Trainer: R Varian Owner: Highclere Thoroughbred Racing - Monet

5 116-48 ● DIEGO VELAZQUEZ (19) 9 2 .... R L Moore 117
(5) Runs: 5 Wins: 2(G) £122,539
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Smith,Magnier,Tabor,Westerberg,Brant

6 2-21 HARPER'S FERRY (67) 9 2 .... T Marquand 102
(9) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(G) Places: 2 £14,460
Trainer: E Walker Owner: M H Dixon & J L Rowsell

7 124-20 MACDUFF (20) 9 2 .... Rossa Ryan 113
(14) Runs: 5 Wins: 1(G) Places: 2 £38,003
Trainer: R Beckett Owner: Juddmonte

8 3-1325 MONDO MAN (19) 9 2 .... W Buick ★119
(10) Runs: 5 Wins: 1(A) Places: 3 £76,533
Trainer: P Brandt (FR) Owner: Ecuries Serge Stempniak/np Gill/p Bran

9 141-32 ROYAL SUPREMACY (33) 9 2 .... O Murphy 109
(12) Runs: 5 Wins: 2(A,G) Places: 1 £21,723
Trainer: A Balding Owner: Mr Michael Blencowe

10 2-12 SPACE LEGEND (27) 9 2 .... James Doyle 109
(8) Runs: 3 Wins: 1(S) Places: 2 £22,901
Trainer: W Haggas Owner: Wathnan Racing

11 31-24 THE EUPHRATES (41) (T) 9 2 .... D McDonogh 108
(6) Runs: 4 Wins: 1(S) Places: 1 £22,016
Trainer: A P O'Brien (IRE) Owner: Brant/magnier/tabor/westerberg/smith

12 11 THEORY OF TIDES (25) 9 2 .... K Shoemark 101
(7) Runs: 2 Wins: 2(GS,G) £9,936
Trainer: J & T Gosden Owner: Isa Salman Al Khalifa

13 1U VOYAGE (20) 9 2 .... P Dobbs 100
(2) Runs: 2 Wins: 1(GS) £20,616
Trainer: R Hannon Owner: Mrs J Wood

14 13-63 WAR ROOMS (36) 9 2 .... J Crowley 114
(11) Runs: 4 Wins: 1(S) Places: 1 £31,956
Trainer: Owen Burrows Owner: Brook Farm Bloodstock

VISOR: No. 11 TONGUE STRAP: No. 6 CHEEK PIECES: No. 7.

Forecast: 7-2 Space Legend, 4 Diego Velazquez, 6 Calandagan, Agenda, 7 Theory Of Tides, 8 Chief Little Rock, 14 Voyage, 16 Mondo Man, 20 Others.

2023: King Of Steel 9-2, Kevin Stott 11-10 Fav (R Varian), drawn (6), 6 ran.

GUIDE: Space Legend is another recruit for Wathnan Racing in the lead-up to this meeting and his neck defeat to Meydaan at Goodwood (1m3f, gd) was a pleasing effort. The son of Sea The Stars is likely to relish this slightly longer trip and he has to be considered, but he could come out second best to **THEORY OF TIDES**. John & Thady Gosden's colt is unbeaten in two starts and he defied his 7lb penalty in smooth style at Yarmouth (1m3f, gd-sft). With the likelihood of plenty more to offer, he could prove tough to beat. **War Rooms** finished third in the Dante at York (1m2f, gd) and, provided he sees out this distance, he is another to watch out for.

6.15 PALACE OF HOLYROOD HOUSE STAKES (HANDICAP) 3YO £56,694 (2) 5f (28) ITV4

1 31033- TOCA MADERA (323) 9 9 .... J Leavy(5) 96
(8) Runs: 5 Wins: 1(F) Places: 2 £38,527
Trainer: B Meehan Owner: Family Amusements Ltd & Mr J Botton

2 411-292 SOMMELIER (36) 9 8 .... R L Moore 106
(27) Runs: 6 Wins: 2(A) Places: 2 £35,421
Trainer: M Botti Owner: King Power Racing Co Ltd

3 1311-11 WOODHAY WONDER (33) 9 7 .... T Marquand 107
(16) Runs: 7 Wins: 5(F,G) £216,870
Trainer: T Ward Owner: Mr Matthew Webber & Mr Toby Ward

4 15-1674 GOT TO LOVE A GREY (28) (D,T) 9 6 .... S James 107
(25) Runs: 7 Wins: 3(S,F,A) £73,107
Trainer: K R Burke Owner: Middleham Park Racing Cxxi

5 3378-06 SYMBOLOGY (6) 9 6 .... R Kingscote 98
(7) Runs: 7 Wins: 1(G) Places: 2 £51,444
Trainer: C Cox Owner: Isa Salman Al Khalifa

6 541-11 JUBILEE WALK (35) (D,F) 9 6 .... O Murphy 108
(4) Runs: 5 Wins: 3(A,G) £25,368
Trainer: J Ferguson Owner: China Horse Club & Qatar Racing

7 1256-42 MAJESTIC BEAUTY (16) (D) 9 5 .... David Egan 105
(3) Runs: 7 Wins: 2(G) Places: 2 £38,016
Trainer: A Murray (IRE) Owner: AMO Racing Limited

8 3122-63 DARK VINTAGE (36) (D,T) 9 4 .... B Garritty 105
(18) Runs: 6 Wins: 1(G) Places: 2 £145,712
Trainer: R Fahey Owner: M Bar O, Llc

9 611-916 BRAVE EMPIRE (112) 9 4 .... D Tudhope 103
(30) Runs: 6 Wins: 3(F,A,G) £24,015
Trainer: R Varian Owner: Clipper

10 512LL-2 MATTERS MOST (18) (D) 9 4 .... Rossa Ryan 108
(6) Runs: 8 Wins: 2(GS,G) Places: 3 £28,075
Trainer: R Beckett Owner: Mr Robert Ng

11 322-12 TAZARA (50) 9 3 .... M Guyon 102
(29) Runs: 5 Wins: 1(S) Places: 4 £43,541
Trainer: C Ferland (FR) Owner: E Babington/a Hoyeau/n Holmes

12 3431-41 BLUE STORM (20) (D,T) 9 3 .... H Doyle 107
(17) Runs: 9 Wins: 3(A,GS) Places: 2 £55,076
Trainer: G Tutty Owner: David Lowe

13 1265-23 SHAGRAAN (48) 9 3 .... Billy Loughnane 108
(19) Runs: 7 Wins: 1(F) Places: 3 £31,678
Trainer: M Appleby Owner: J & A Young (Leicester) Ltd

14 421-031 PILGRIM (20) (D,T) 9 1 .... J Fanning ★111
(12) Runs: 8 Wins: 2(S,GS) Places: 3 £44,494
Trainer: D & N Barron Owner: Mr H D Atkinson

15 41-61 MUKAAFAH (34) 9 1 .... J Crowley 107
(9) Runs: 4 Wins: 2(F,A) £9,956
Trainer: K P De Foy Owner: Shadwell Estate Company Ltd

16 L1314-1 SCORCHIO (31) (D,T) 9 0 .... R Whelan 103
(15) Runs: 10 Wins: 3(A,G) Places: 2 £27,118
Trainer: J Davison (IRE) Owner: Final Reminder Syndicate

17 42122-2 TWO TRIBES (48) (D) 9 0 .... J Hart 108
(22) Runs: 7 Wins: 1(G) Places: 5 £42,566
Trainer: R Spencer Owner: Phil Cunningham

18 1854-5 MON NA SLIEVE (36) (D,T) 9 0 .... J P Spencer 101
(10) Runs: 5 Wins: 1(G) £22,034
Trainer: K Ryan Owner: Mr B T McDonald

19 1-1L AIRMAN (27) (D,T) 8 13 .... Oisin Orr 103
(11) Runs: 3 Wins: 2(S,GS) £24,666
Trainer: R Fahey Owner: M Scaife & R A Fahey

20 111 DYRHOLAEY (66) (D,F) 8 13 .... James Doyle 105
(26) Runs: 3 Wins: 3(A) £18,273
Trainer: A Watson Owner: Wathnan Racing

21 5-11 ● DORNEY LAKE (22) 8 13 .... W Buick 105
(2) Runs: 3 Wins: 2(F,G) £10,074
Trainer: J & T Gosden Owner: Godolphin

22 124-23L HEDGE FUND (35) (D) 8 13 .... L Edmunds 107
(31) Runs: 10 Wins: 2(A,G) Places: 2 £29,254
Trainer: W Muir & C Grassick Owner: Foursome Thoroughbreds

23 21115 NO HALF MEASURES (6) (D) 8 13 .... G Rooke 108
(1) Runs: 5 Wins: 3(S,A) Places: 1 £29,160
Trainer: R Hughes Owner: Mr R P Gallagher

24 48L2-74 THUNDER BLUE (133) 8 13 .... S Osborne 99
(21) Runs: 9 Wins: 1(F) Places: 2 £27,880
Trainer: J Osborne Owner: Barratt Racing

25 41-1557 BILLY WEBSTER (20) (D) 8 12 .... C Shepherd 109
(20) Runs: 7 Wins: 3(A,GS) £17,766
Trainer: G Scott Owner: H E Redha Munfaredi

26 313-85 MOSWAAT (18) 8 12 .... S M Levey 104
(5) Runs: 5 Wins: 1(S) Places: 2 £12,571
Trainer: R Varian Owner: Sheikh Abdullah Almalek Alsabah

27 3150-12 VANTHEMAN (35) (D,T) 8 11 .... T Eaves 110
(14) Runs: 6 Wins: 2(A,GS) Places: 1 £23,335
Trainer: K Ryan Owner: Tom Muir / Colin Paterson

28 618562- MARKAKOL (252) (D) 8 11 .... S De Sousa 101
(24) Runs: 6 Wins: 1(A) Places: 1 £12,936
Trainer: R Varian Owner: Mr Nurlan Bizakov

BLINKERS: No. 17 VISOR: No. 8 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 21, 24 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 25 HOOD: Nos. 11, 15, 28.

Forecast: 7 Jubilee Walk, 8 Dyrholaey, Dorney Lake, 12 Vantheman, Sommelier, Shagraan, Mukaafah, 14 Blue Storm, Woodhay Wonder, Two Tribes, 16 Others.

2023: Rhythm N Hooves 8-8, Hollie Doyle 12-1 (A Watson), drawn (25), 26 ran.

GUIDE: A devilishly difficult puzzle to solve sees a chance taken on **WOODHAY WONDER**, who arrives on a sequence of four consecutive wins. Tom Ward's filly again showed a likeable attitude when scoring at Newmarket (6f, gd-fm) and the drop to 5f doesn't appear to be an issue. She has a good record in big-field sprints and can bring up the five-timer. **Jubilee Walk** is hard to knock after completing a hat-trick at York (5f, gd), but a further 7lb rise may be difficult to defy. **Vantheman** (second) reopposes on 5lb better terms and could reverse the form, while unexposed Godolphin colt **Dorney Lake** also makes appeal.

VITAL STATISTICS

IN-FORM TRAINERS (last 10 days) Harry Derham 100% (1 wins and 3 places from 4 runners), D & N Barron 64% (1/6/11), J Channon 60% (3/6/15), G Boughey 59% (12/8/34), J Fanshawe 58% (2/5/12), D Killahena & G McPherson 57% (2/2/7), O Murphy 57% (1/3/7)
IN-FORM JOCKEYS Jack Hogan 100% (2 wins and 2 places from 4 runners), Andrew Breslin 75% (1/2/4), Jonathan England 75% (2/1/4), Molly Gunn 75% (2/1/4), Paul O'Brien 71% (1/4/7), Amie Waugh 60% (2/4/10), D E Hogan 59% (4/6/17), Charlie Hammond 57% (3/1/7)

MARKET RASEN RTV

THE SCOUT

1.35 Konfusion
2.05 A Definite Getaway
2.40 A Dublin Job
3.15 Vivid Pink
3.55 Northern Bound
4.35 Climate Precedent
5.10 Spot On Soph

1.35 ABP HANDICAP HURDLE £4,093 (Class 5)2m 7f 16yds(11 declared)

1 4-11 BARRONS LAND (24) (F) D McCain 6 12 0 .... B Hughes
2 5-1B SUPREME YEATS (14) D Skelton 8 11 13 .... H Skelton
3 7-42 THE WISE TRAVELLER (25) (D) S Humphrey 8 11 13 .... J Gambin(10)
4 PP-4 SHANTOU LUCKY (36) J Bedi 7 11 9 .... A Anderson(5)
5 1-1P CAN'T BEAT HISTORY (13) Henry Oliver 8 11 9 .... L Edwards
6 9L8- ● KONFUSION (62) Sue Smith 6 11 4 .... P J Kavanagh(3)
7 47-4 CAUGHTINASPELL (20) O Murphy 6 11 3 .... L Stones(3)
8 50/3 TIMETOTALK (17) Fionn McSharry 8 11 2 .... N Moscrop
9 9L-6 BULLION BOSS (44) N Richards 8 10 7 .... Conor Rabbitt(5)
10 37-5 CONCRETE KING (20) L Morgan 10 10 3 .... A Wedge
11 L-P6 JUST CALL ME AL (20) G Boanas 11 10 2 .... D McMenamin

VISOR: No. 9 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 4, 5 CHEEK PIECES: No. 10.
W-Factor: Timetotalk (105); The Wise Traveller (103); Barrons Land (101).
SP FORECAST: 15-8 Supreme Yeats, 2 Barrons Land, 15-2 The Wise Traveller, Can't Beat History, 10 Caughtinaspell, 12 Concrete King, 20 Shantou Lucky, 25 Timetotalk, 33 Others.

2.05 ABP NOVICES' HURDLE (GBB RACE) £4,084 (4)2m 7f 16yds (8)

1 2P-L ● A DEFINITE GETAWAY (37)(T) P & M Bowen 6 11 4 .... J Bowen
2 1/PB COOLER THAN ME (25) (F) F Brennan 6 11 4 .... D Bass
3 PL-3 G A HENTY (22) D Skelton 7 11 4 .... H Skelton
4 28L- KENNY'S PARK (90) R L Llewellyn 6 11 4 .... Charlie Price(3)
5 64-P SCHOOL DAYS OVER (33) F O'Brien 7 11 4 .... J J Burke
6 L SOUTHFIELD STAR (22) Sara Bradstock 6 11 4 .... B J Powell
7 6F1- CALL HER CLEVER (62) D J Jeffreys 6 10 11 .... B Morgan(5)
8 P-PP TIGER'S SONG (33) T Ellis 11 10 11 .... Mr J Andrews(3)

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 4, 7 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 4, 5.
W-Factor: G A Henty (127); School Days Over (115); Kenny's Park (90).
SP FORECAST: 2 G A Henty, 5-2 School Days Over, 11-2 A Definite Getaway, 13-2 Call Her Clever, 7 Others.

2.40 ABP HANDICAP CHASE £4,489 (5)2m 3f 34yds (12)

1 98-1 ● A DUBLIN JOB (31) (F) Harry Derham 7 12 0 .... Paul O'Brien
2 57-1 IMPERIAL RULE (36) (F) R Menzies 7 11 9 .... R Chapman
3 LP-6 HOLLINGTON (14) T Easterby 7 11 5 .... J Hamilton
4 L-74 RAFFERTY (10) (C&D) L Morgan 10 11 4 .... J Kington
5 L-L5 CARO DES FLOS (20) (C&D) J S Smith 12 11 3 .... H Bannister
6 446- MILADYGRACE (292) (C&D) M Keighley 9 11 0 .... B Hughes
7 5/LP- FROMPOSTTOPILLAR (204) T R Gretton 6 10 12 .... R T Dunne
8 7L7- REINE DES TARTES (124) L Morgan 5 10 9 .... A Wedge
9 35P- LIVING'S BOY AN CO (72) (C&D) J Wainwright 9 10 8 .... J Williamson(3)
10 4-5P SILVER ATOM (19) A Watson 6 10 8 .... N Scholfield
11 P-4L MACKIE DEE (34) R Armson 12 10 7 .... P Armson(3)
12 68-5 INGLEBY MACKENZIE (14)(T) J Ewart 10 10 2 .... D McMenamin

BLINKERS: No. 11 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 7 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 4, 8, 9 HOOD: Nos. 2, 7.
W-Factor: Imperial Rule (102); Ingleby Mackenzie (101); Caro Des Flos (100).
SP FORECAST: 15-8 A Dublin Job, 11-4 Imperial Rule, 7 Miladygrace, 10 Ingleby Mackenzie, 12 Others.

3.15 ABP MARES' HANDICAP HURDLE £4,093 (5)2m 125yds (12)

1 22-2 BILLAMS LEGACY (31) F O'Brien 9 12 0 .... Mr T Broughton(5)
2 45/R SARCEAUX (14) J Wainwright 7 11 8 .... A Anderson(5)
3 3-15 BELLBIRD (22) D McCain 4 11 7 .... B Hughes
4 4U-2 ● VIVID PINK (31) A King 5 11 7 .... T Cannon
5 506- RIVER ROBE (73) D Skelton 5 11 4 .... H Skelton
6 L-64 DARTING ROSE (30) Mrs P Sly 5 11 1 .... Paul O'Brien
7 3U4/ GAOT (797) D McCain 8 11 1 .... T Gillard
8 42-2 CALLIN BATON ROUGE (23) C & A Pogson 6 10 13 .... J Bowen
9 5P-3 GAME BEAAA (36) (C) D Bourke 7 10 12 .... R Mania
10 L4-6 VISION OF HOPE (15) (C&D,F) S Pearce 5 10 12 .... B J Powell
11 37P- FLLANA BAY (205) M Barnes 7 10 8 .... Conor Rabbitt(5)
12 L-35 CELLAR CLUB (20) Henry Oliver 5 10 7 .... Lilly Pinchin

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 7, 9, 11 HOOD: Nos. 4, 11.
W-Factor: Billams Legacy (103); Callin Baton Rouge (102); Game Beaaa (101).
SP FORECAST: 10-3 Billams Legacy, 4 Vivid Pink, 5 Callin Baton Rouge, 15-2 Bellbird, 8 River Robe, 10 Game Beaaa, Gaot, 12 Others.

3.55 HANDICAP CHASE £11,090 (3)2m 5f 89yds (13)

1 3-14 KARL PHILIPPE (12) F O'Brien 9 12 0 .... J Hogan(3)
2 1L-8 A DIFFERENT KIND (34) (D) D McCain 7 11 12 .... B Hughes
3 809- WHISTLEINTHEDARK (62) (C&D) L Morgan 9 11 11 .... D McMenamin
4 51-2 MYLESFROMWICKLOW (26) (C&D) D Skelton 7 11 4 .... H Skelton
5 P1-1 YCCS PORTOCERVO (23) (D) Dr R Newland & J Insole 9 11 4 .... S Twiston-Davies
6 LP-7 A WAVE OF THE SEA (44) B Haslam 8 11 3 .... R McLernon
7 26-3 VINTAGE FIZZ (25) J O'Keeffe 7 11 1 .... C Hammond
8 P-2L SAINT ARVANS (12) M Barnes 10 11 1 .... Conor Rabbitt(5)
9 573- KILLER CLOWN (56) (D) E Lavelle 10 11 1 .... T Bellamy
10 L3-3 GLORY AND HONOUR (26) S England 8 11 0 .... J England
11 42-3 ● NORTHERN BOUND (35) B Pauling 10 10 11 .... B R Jones
12 P6-3 TARDREE (19) (C) L Morgan 10 10 11 .... A Wedge
13 1P-5 MULBERRY HILL (46) (D) F O'Brien 8 10 9 .... J J Burke

TONGUE: Nos. 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 CHEEK: Nos. 1, 5, 9, 11.
W-Factor: Killer Clown (148); A Different Kind (147); Whistleinthedark (146).
SP FORECAST: 3 Mylesfromwicklow, 5 Karl Philippe, 7 Northern Bound, 8 Yccs Portocervo, 10 Others.

4.35 HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 1) £4,093 (5)2m 4f 139yds (11)

1 4/P6 SNOOKERED (20) H Burns 10 12 0 .... E Austin(5)
2 35-1 ● CLIMATE PRECEDENT (3) D Skelton 4 11 10(7ex) .... H Skelton
3 98-7 KAJAKI (44) (D) N Richards 11 11 9 .... D McMenamin
4 00-0 JASSUR DES BROSSES (23) M Murphy & M Keady 5 11 9 .... S Twiston-Davies
5 F-34 WARNER'S CROSS (25) C Hobson 7 11 3 .... J Bowen
6 637 ONLY FOOLS (2) (D,T) D Pipe 5 11 2 .... Doubtful
7 95-4 FIXED WING (22) D Killahena & G McPherson 6 10 12 .... K Woods
8 L-73 ZUUL (14) R Menzies 6 10 8 .... N Moscrop
9 3-6P FOX'S SOCKS (17) M Sowersby 9 10 4 .... A Anderson(5)
10 L3-2 GETAWAY WITH YOU (26) Billy Aprahamian 6 10 2 .... K Brogan
11 1-11 GETAWAY CORY (34)(T) T Vaughan 9 10 2 .... A Johns

VISOR: Nos. 3, 10 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 HOOD: No. 6.
W-Factor: Kajaki (104); Only Fools (103); Warner's Cross (102).
SP FORECAST: 2 Climate Precedent, 4 Getaway With You, 6 Zuul, 10 Warner's Cross, Getaway Cory, Fixed Wing, Kajaki, 14 Others.

5.10 HANDICAP HURDLE (DIV 2) £4,093 (5)2m 4f 139yds (10)

1 031 ● SPOT ON SOPH (7) (C&D) S England 8 12 0 .... T Midgley(3)
2 PR-1 FINE BY HER (19) J S Smith 8 11 10 .... H Bannister
3 25-8 DENABLE (20) (F) A Carson 8 11 9 .... B J Powell
4 9-96 WE GOT YOUR BACK (10) L Morgan 6 11 4 .... A Wedge
5 4-24 CROSSBEAU (22)(T) T Vaughan 5 11 3 .... A Johns
6 3L-6 FENNEY BROOK (40) (D) Katy Price 8 11 0 .... G Sheehan
7 2L-U BENSINI (20) R L Llewellyn 8 10 11 .... Charlie Price(3)
8 L-4F CHEMICAL WARFARE (20)(T) D Pipe 7 10 3 .... J Tudor
9 3-99 LENEBANE (15) R Menzies 6 10 3 .... A Anderson(5)
10 8P9- HOPE HILL (72) Sue Smith 6 10 2 .... P J Kavanagh(3)

VISOR: No. 9 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 8, 9 CHEEK PIECES: No. 7.
W-Factor: Crossbeau (106); Lenebane (105); Spot On Soph (104).
SP FORECAST: 2 Spot On Soph, 4 Chemical Warfare, 11-2 Fine By Her, Crossbeau, Bensini, 14 We Got Your Back, 20 Others

GOSSIP FROM THE GALLOPS

North: ELITE STATUS
(3.05 Ascot)
Cotswolds: BILLAMS LEGACY
(3.15 Market Rasen)
Newmarket: SPACE LEGEND
(5.40 Ascot)
Lambourn: ENCHANTING (8.35 Goodwood)

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good. Right Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** Brian Hughes 17% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** O Murphy 21% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 1.35 Bullion Boss (visor), 2.05 Kenny's Park (cheek pieces, tongue strap), 2.40 Reine Des Tartes (cheek pieces), Mackie Dee (blinkers), 3.15 River Robe (wind surgery), 3.55 Mylesfromwicklow (wind surgery), Karl Philippe (cheek pieces, tongue strap), 5.10 Fenney Brook (wind surgery). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 1.35 Supreme Yeats(hcp hdl). 3.15 Callin Baton Rouge(hcp hdl), Gaot(hcp hdl). 3.55 Mylesfromwicklow(hcp ch). **LONGEST TRAVELLER: A Definite Getaway** (2.05) 310 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 2.05 **Call Her Clever** from Niel Turner to D J Jeffreys, **Cooler Than Me** from Myles Osborne to F Brennan, **Tiger's Song** from Mrs G Ellis to T Ellis. 3.15 **Callin Baton Rouge** from W Greatrex to C & A Pogson, **Gaot** from H Fry to D McCain, **River Robe** from M Young to D Skelton. 4.35 **Getaway Cory** from John Mathias to T Vaughan, **Jassur Des Brosses** from Mags Mullins in Ireland to M Murphy & M Keady.

GOODWOOD RTV

THE SCOUT

5.45 Soldier's Heart
6.20 Cool Legend
6.50 Premiere Ligne
7.25 Open Secret
8.00 Dashinwhitesargent
8.35 Enchanting

5.45 MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) 2YO £7,851 (Class 4) 5f (9 declared)

1 (7) 9 MAXIMUS ALEXIOS (7) R Hannon 9 7 .... R Scott
2 (4) L6 RARE CHANGE (12) R Hughes 9 7 .... B Sayette
3 (6) 2 ● SOLDIER'S HEART (17) (F) S & E Crisford 9 7 .... H Davies
4 (2) SULTAN OF OJ G & J Moore 9 7 .... T P Queally
5 (1) L TOP STAR (7) R Hughes 9 7 .... Ethan Jones(7)
6 (8) EVA JO J Channon 9 2 .... G Bass(3)
7 (9) GREEN ACE W Haggas 9 2 .... A Farragher
8 (5) 39 INVINCIBLE SONG (18) B Meehan 9 2 .... Olivia Tubb(7)
9 (3) KALAHARI BLUE Ollie Sangster 9 2 .... T Whelan

TONGUE STRAP: No. 3.
W-Factor: Soldier's Heart (87); Invincible Song (86); Rare Change (72).
SP FORECAST: 13-8 Soldier's Heart, 5 Green Ace, 11-2 Kalahari Blue, 6 Invincible Song, 10 Rare Change, Maximus Alexios, 12 Eva Jo, 20 Sultan Of Oj, 25 Top Star.

6.20 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP 3YO £6,621 (4)1m 3f 218yds (8)

1 (3) 1-56 ● COOL LEGEND (20) W Haggas 9 11 .... A Farragher
2 (6) 4-23 NINI STAR (27) D Menuisier 9 9 .... B Sayette
3 (8) 4-52 PURE OF HEART (20) (F) Ollie Sangster 9 9 .... T Whelan
4 (1) 113 ROAD TO WEMBLEY (71) (D) R Hughes 9 7 .... H Davies
5 (7) 285 CLOCKWATCHER (51)(T) C Johnston 9 7 .... A Young(7)
6 (4) 41-4 CALVERT (17) R Teal 9 6 .... G Downing
7 (5) 434 BELCAMO (29) A Balding 9 0 .... W Carver(3)
8 (2) 355 LORD CHAMBERLAIN (24) D M Simcock 8 13 .... R Clutterbuck

HOOD: No. 7.
W-Factor: Road To Wembley (85); Clockwatcher (84); Pure Of Heart (82).
SP FORECAST: 3 Cool Legend, 7-2 Pure Of Heart, 5 Road To Wembley, 6 Nini Star, 7 Belcamo, 8 Calvert, 12 Lord Chamberlain, Clockwatcher.

6.50 HANDICAP £6,621 (4)1m 3f 218yds (9)

1 (3) 460- NAVAL COMMANDER (351) F Brennan 7 9 11 .... A Keeley(3)
2 (8) L06 AIKHAL (18) J Osborne 5 9 11 .... W Carver(3)
3 (1) 2L3 ROBUSTO (20) (D) E J-Houghton 4 9 9 .... R Clutterbuck
4 (7) 321 LEXINGTON KNIGHT (21) (D) R Hannon 6 9 8 .... Alec Voikhansky(3)
5 (9) 148 RUNNING THE GAME (111) G & J Moore 4 9 7 .... T P Queally
6 (4) 113- MR FREEDOM (J41) (D) Miss S West 5 9 6 .... T Whelan
7 (5) 6-31 ● PREMIERE LIGNE (29) (D,F) H Morrison 5 9 6 .... H Davies
8 (6) 3-L7 ON THE RIGHT TRACK (31) (C,D) M Usher 7 8 7 .... J Haynes
9 (2) 31-1 GOBLET OF FIRE (9) N Henderson 4 8 7(5ex) .... Doubtful

TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 4, 5, 7 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 6.
W-Factor: Goblet Of Fire (92); Aikhal (91); On The Right Track (90).
SP FORECAST: 9-4 Premiere Ligne, 5-2 Lexington Knight, 5 Robusto, 7 Mr Freedom, 8 Running The Game, 16 Aikhal, Naval Commander, 20 On The Right Track.

7.25 MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) £7,851 (4) 1m 6f (10)

1 (8) 0-62 BLENHEIM LAD (55) C Poulton 4 10 2 .... R Clutterbuck
2 (9) 8 PONCHO (J19) G & J Moore 6 10 2 .... T P Queally
3 (2) 2-05 STORY HORSE (20) (F) W Knight 4 10 2 .... H Davies
4 (10) 0 AMIGO VAQUERA (11) R Cook & J Bridger 3 9 0 .... Molly Gunn(7)
5 (3) L BE LIKE PUMPKIN (10) Miss S West 3 9 0 .... T Whelan
6 (1) 234 ● OPEN SECRET (20) (F,T) C Johnston 3 9 0 .... Archie Young(7)
7 (4) 55 TACTICIAN (25) (F) A Balding 3 9 0 .... W Carver(3)
8 (5) LL ATRIXI (20) L Wadham 3 8 9 .... C Bennett
9 (7) 8L MOLTEN SEA (34) W Haggas 3 8 9 .... A Farragher
10 (6) STRETCH J Channon 3 8 9 .... W Cox

BLINKERS: No. 8 CHEEK PIECES: No. 2.
W-Factor: Open Secret (75); Story Horse (74); Tactician (71).
SP FORECAST: 2 Open Secret, 9-4 Story Horse, 5-2 Tactician, 10 Stretch, 12 Molten Sea, 20 Blenheim Lad, 33 Poncho, 100 Be Like Pumpkin, Amigo Vaquera, Atrixi.

8.00 HANDICAP 3YO £6,621 (4) 1m (7)

1 (5) 1-2 SWINDON (21) (F) W Haggas 9 9 .... A Farragher
2 (6) 303 CHRISTIAN DAVID (13) R Hannon 9 9 .... Alec Voikhansky(3)
3 (3) 2-44 AMERICAN BAY (42) Harry Charlton 9 7 .... T Whelan
4 (7) 7L2 GET THE MUSIC ON (16) C Cox 9 6 .... J Fahy
5 (2) 215- DEBORA'S DREAM (186) R Varian 9 5 .... A Keeley(3)
6 (4) 156 CELTIC WARRIOR (27) A Balding 9 5 .... W Carver(3)
7 (1) 52-2 ● DASHINWHITESARGENT (59) H Morrison 8 13 .... H Davies

CHEEK PIECES: No. 2.
W-Factor: Dashinwhitesargent (93); Get The Music On (92); Christian David (91).
SP FORECAST: 10-3 American Bay, 7-2 Swindon, 5 Get The Music On, 6 Dashinwhitesargent, Christian David, 7 Celtic Warrior, Debora's Dream.

8.35 HANDICAP 3YO £6,621 (4) 5f (5)

1 (5) 118 GRANDLAD (20) (C&D) James Horton 9 9 .... A Farragher
2 (2) L97 THE COFFEE POD (6) R Hannon 9 9 .... Alec Voikhansky(3)
3 (3) 041 ● ENCHANTING (7) (C&D,F) A Balding 9 7(6ex) .... W Carver(3)
4 (4) 241 KISS AND RUN (4) (D) R Cook & J Bridger 9 3(6ex) .... Ethan Jones(7)
5 (1) L9-2 BIG TIME RASCAL (18) P & O Cole 9 1 .... Doubtful

CHEEK PIECES: No. 2.
W-Factor: Enchanting (91); Grandlad (90); The Coffee Pod (88).
SP FORECAST: 10-11 Enchanting, 7-2 Grandlad, 4 Kiss And Run, 6 The Coffee Pod.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good. Right Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** Benoit Sayette 22% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** A Balding 16% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 7.25 Poncho (cheek pieces), Atrixi (blinkers). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 6.20 Road To Wembley(hcp). 8.00 American Bay(hcp). 8.35 Grandlad(hcp). **DRAW:** Low numbers best in sprints, though a fast start is equally important. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Clockwatcher** (6.20) & **Open Secret** (7.25) 291 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 6.50 **Naval Commander** from R Brisland to F Brennan.

BATTLE ROYAL Kyprios, right, holds off the challenge of Trawlerman to win the Gold Cup

Kyprios completes dramatic fightback

By **Melissa Jones**

IRON horse Kyprios fought back from the brink to complete a "million to one" comeback in the Gold Cup at Ascot.

Aidan O'Brien's titan of the staying ranks was on an unstoppable, unbeaten six-race streak in 2022 when disaster struck.

The chestnut who remorselessly galloped to a 20-length Qatar Prix du Cadran victory was stabled with a joint infection.

It became so bad that he escaped a brush with death in spring 2023, before O'Brien's Ballydoyle staff took tentative steps to teach the horse to walk again.

And yesterday, in a race that was part of his incredible sequence two years ago, 11-10 favourite Kyprios soared again under Ryan Moore.

"At one stage we thought he wouldn't live," said O'Brien, landing a ninth title with four occupied by race record-holder Yeats.

"It was really impossible to come back. Eamonn (employee) had to teach him how to walk, trot, hack – before a rider ever went near him. All of that was gone. It was really like someone having the most horrific injury as a human being. It was winning the Olympics to get (him) back to move and walk.

"I think it happened because of all of the committed people around him day in, day out. It's incredible to get him back to the top level."

The showpiece event, worth £368,615, developed into a straight fight between Kyprios and Trawlerman, trained by John and Thady Gosden. Their long-time leader, trying to fill a void left by hat-trick hero Stradivarius, offered plenty of resistance for William Buick.

But Moore showed as much heart for the battle as Kyprios, cheered on by a vocal majority of around 60,000 racegoers.

The top two finished five lengths ahead of Sweet William, but Gregory, a third runner for the Gosdens and carrying last year's winning colours of Wathnan Racing, faded into seventh.

Port Fairy had earlier answered every call in the Ribblesdale Stakes to put Moore one in front of Ascot legend Frankie Dettori on 82 wins.

"I remember Frankie when I was a kid, riding for my grandad at Brighton. He's always been the best in my eyes," said Moore.

In front for an 11th leading jockey award, the 40-year-old added about Kyprios: "He's been through a lot.

"I said to Aidan, 'He's the fastest horse in the race, and he stays the best – I've just got to get it right.

"I didn't get it quite right, but he still won!"

PURE GOLD: Ryan Moore and Aidan O'Brien share the Gold Cup trophy

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THE SCOUT

1.45 Sunny Orange	3.30 Castle Cove
2.15 Socialise	4.05 Financer
2.50 Al Marmar	4.45 Pendlebury Lane

1.45 RACING TV FREE TRIAL HANDICAP £3,140 (Class 6) 7f (15 declared)

1 (14) 10L **BOSSY PARKER (21) (D)** Mrs Stella Barclay 4 9 11 **Z Wheatley(3)**
2 (12) 14-8 **SWINGING EDDIE (157) (D)** G Tuer 8 9 9 ... **Mark Winn(3)**
3 (2) 521 **SUNNY ORANGE (3) (D,F)** T Easterby 4 9 8(5ex) **D Fentiman**
4 (5) 353 **ALSEEYERTHERE (20) (C&D)** Steph Hollinshead 6 9 7 **D Costello**
5 (3) 223 **WE STILL BELIEVE (11)** D Bourke 6 9 6 ..... **P Mulrennan**
6 (8) 5-74 **GIRL FROM ITALY (18)** M Walford 4 9 5 ..... **C Hardie**
7 (7) 139 **SMALLEYTIME (18) (D)** B Haslam 4 9 4 ..... **A Breslin(3)**
8 (4) 513 **INDIE SKIES (7) (D)** M Appleby 4 9 3 ..... **A Rawlinson**
9 (15) L69 **PLINK (25)** K Scott 4 9 2 ..... **Ryan Sexton**
10 (13) 45-0 **BRAZEN RASCAL (25)** S Whitaker 4 9 1 ..... **B Robinson**
11 (11) 3-0L **GOING TO THE MOON (56)** D Thompson 4 9 1 **P Mathers**
12 (1) 105 **DESERT DREAM (3) (C&D)** S Spencer 10 8 13 ... **A Jary(5)**
13 (9) 333 **ROCKIN ROSA (13) (D)** R Carr 4 8 12 ..... **JP Sullivan**
14 (6) 408 **SHOTLEY ROYALE (25)** R Carr **4 8 7** ..... **A Mullen**
15 (10) 667 **AVAILABLE ANGEL (82)** J Mackie **6 8 7** ..... **F Norton**

BLINKERS: Nos. 1, 9 TONGUE: Nos. 4, 12
CHEEK: Nos. 3, 5, 7, 8, 13, 15.
W-Factor: Sunny Orange (75); Brazen Rascal (74); Bossy Parker (73).
SP FORECAST: 11-4 Sunny Orange, 5 Indie Skies, 11-2 Alseeyerthere, 7 We Still Believe, 8 Rockin Rosa, 14 Swinging Eddie, Girl From Italy, Desert Dream, 16 Others.

2.15 HANDICAP £3,140 (6) 3YO 7f (12)

1 (9) 454 **HEAVENLY FIRE (24)(T)** Jack Jones 9 11 ..... **C Rodriguez**
2 (5) 745 **TITAINIUM (25)** G Tuer 9 9 ..... **H Shaw**
3 (1) 680- **SIR GARFIELD (177)** J & S Quinn 9 9 ..... **JP Sullivan**
4 (12) L55- **WHAT TIMES TEA (282)** I Jardine 9 8 ..... **A Mullen**
5 (4) 323 **SALAAMAAT (15)(T)** R Guest 9 8 ..... **D Keenan**
6 (3) 521 **KODE SECRET (22) (D)** T Easterby 9 7 ..... **D Allan**
7 (8) 6L6 **SOCIALISE (5)** N Tinkler 9 7 ..... **A Jary(5)**
8 (6) 337 **NOBLE CONSORT (15)** J Camacho 9 6 ..... **Ryan Sexton**
9 (11) 050 **VENUS SLIPPER (11)** M Murphy & M Keady 9 4 **S Woods(7)**
10 (10) 473 **PEARL SANDS (13)** B Ellison 9 3 ..... **B Robinson**
11 (7) 98-9 **MAVERIC'S MAGIC (41)** S Spencer 9 1 ..... **Dale Swift**
12 (2) 346 **HYRCANIAN (146)** R Barr 9 0 ..... **Paula Muir(3)**

BLINKERS: No. 3 TONGUE STRAP: No. 6.
W-Factor: Pearl Sands (70); Kode Secret (69); Salaamaat (68).
SP FORECAST: 11-4 Kode Secret, 6 Salaamaat, 7 Pearl Sands, 8 Titainium, Heavenly Fire, 10 Sir Garfield, 12 Noble Consort, Socialise, Hyrcanian, What Times Tea, 16 Others.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good. Left Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** David Allan 10% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** T Easterby 9% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 1.45 Plink (blinkers), 2.15 Sir Garfield (blinkers), 4.45 Obligatory (blinkers). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 1.45 Alseeyerthere(hcp), Indie Skies(hcp). 3.30 James Webb. **DRAW:** Middle to high numbers have a decided advantage on the straight course **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Lake Teo** (3.30) 257 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 2.15 **Hyrcanian** from K R Burke to R Barr. 2.50 **Light Speed** from A Balding to G Tutty.

2.50 HANDICAP £8,100 (3)7f 219yds (14)

1 (13) 68-1 **JAMES MCHENRY (32) (D,F)** E Bethell 4 10 4 ..... **C Rodriguez**
2 (3) 7-05 **LA TRINIDAD (36) (D)** R Fell & S Murray 7 10 4 ... **D Nolan**
3 (14) 3-05 **MASTER RICHARD (20) (D)** A Duffield 5 10 0 .. **P Mulrennan**
4 (2) 61-6 **MUDAMER (34) (D)** G Harker 5 9 13 ..... **P Mathers**
5 (7) 083 **CRUYFF TURN (19) (C,D)** T Easterby 7 9 12 ..... **D Allan**
6 (10) 71L **AKKADIAN THUNDER (30) (D)** D O'Meara 4 9 12 **Jason Watson**
7 (8) 427 **DINGLE (32) (D)** J Camacho 6 9 12 ..... **D Costello**
8 (4) 997 **CHUZZLEWIT (36) (D)** K Ryan 4 9 12 ..... **S Gray**
9 (6) 0L2 **OBELIX (8) (D)** J Camacho 4 9 10 ..... **Ryan Sexton**
10 (12) 099 **LIGHT SPEED (66)** G Tutty 4 9 8 ..... **P Dennis**
11 (9) 111 **DANIELSFLYER (91) (C,D)** D Thompson 10 9 4 **S B Kirrane**
12 (5) 115 **ROCKING TREE (35)(T)** G Boughey 3 9 4 ..... **P Cosgrave**
13 (11) 083 **AL MARMAR (5) (D)** G Tutty 5 9 3 ..... **Laura Coughlan(3)**
14 (1) 535 **CUSACK (88) (D)** D Thompson 6 9 0 ..... **Rhys Elliott(7)**

BLINKERS: Nos. 8, 12 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 11, 14 HOOD: No. 5.
W-Factor: Obelix (94); La Trinidad (93); Al Marmar (92).
SP FORECAST: 9-2 James Mchenry, 6 Danielsflyer, 7 Obelix, 8 Master Richard, 10 Al Marmar, La Trinidad, Mudamer, 12 Others.

3.30 NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) £3,780 (5)1m 2f 1yds (10)

1 (2) 1 **CASTLE COVE (25) (D,T)** W Haggas 3 9 11 ... **P Mulrennan**
2 (1) **RIVER DANUBE** J J Davies 4 9 11 ..... **Amie Waugh(5)**
3 (3) **ACTION PACT** M & D Easterby 3 9 4 ..... **D Allan**
4 (9) L **BUTTERTUBS (92)** G Tuer 3 9 4 ..... **H Shaw**
5 (6) 5-6 **GREY NYLE (9)** C Johnston 3 9 4 ..... **F Norton**
6 (8) 52 **JAMES WEBB (21)** Sir M Stoute 3 9 4 ..... **Jason Watson**
7 (5) 8 **LEGEND OF KINGS (52)(T)** J Ferguson 3 9 4 ... **R Dawson**
8 (4) 232 **MIDNITE STORM (27) (F)** K Ryan 3 9 4 ..... **S Gray**
9 (10) **OOSTERPARK** E Bethell 3 9 4 ..... **C Rodriguez**
10 (7) 64 **LAKE TEO (34)(T)** C Hills 3 8 13 ..... **Doubtful**

W-F: Midnite Storm (85); Castle Cove (80); James Webb (77).
SP FORECAST: 2 Castle Cove, 5-2 Midnite Storm, 3 James Webb, 10 Oosterpark, 20 Legend Of Kings, 25 Action Pact, 33 Grey Nyle, 66 Others.

4.05 HANDICAP £5,234 (4)1m 2f 1yds 3YO (5)

1 (5) 271 **TATATEO (29) (D,F,T)** J Ferguson 9 11 ..... **R Dawson**
2 (3) 115 **ROCKET WARRIOR (40) (D,T)** M Botti 9 9 ..... **J Gilligan**
3 (4) 4-62 **THE HUN (27)** K R Burke 9 7 ..... **C Rodriguez**
4 (1) 42-3 **MISTER DAYDREAM (11)** C Johnston 9 4 ..... **F Norton**
5 (2) 5-35 **FINANCER (32)** T Easterby 8 10 ..... **D Allan**

BLINKERS: No. 3.
W-F: The Hun (85); Mister Daydream (84); Rocket Warrior (83).
SP FORECAST: 6-4 Tatateo, 3 The Hun, 4 Rocket Warrior, 6 Mister Daydream, 8 Financer.

4.45 MAIDEN HANDICAP £3,664 (5) 5f (11)

1 (2) 4L4 **JENNI (10)** D O'Meara 3 9 10 ..... **Mark Winn(3)**
2 (3) 53-L **SILKY ROBIN (20)** P Midgley 3 9 10 ..... **D Nolan**
3 (9) 468- **ROOSKA (183)** G Tuer 4 9 9 ..... **H Shaw**
4 (5) 202 **SPLIT THE PROFIT (4)** M Murphy 3 9 9 ..... **S Woods(7)**
5 (1) 7/24 **PENDLEBURY LANE (28)** J Camacho 4 9 9 ..... **Ryan Sexton**
6 (6) 668 **NEVER THIS WAY (19)** R Carr 4 9 8 ..... **JP Sullivan**
7 (4) 459 **LA BOO (14)** M & D Easterby 3 9 7 ..... **P Mulrennan**
8 (10) 23L **INGLEBY ARCHIE (64)** Adrian Nicholls 3 9 6 ... **P Mathers**
9 (7) L04 **OBLIGATORY (21)** T Easterby 3 9 6 ..... **D Allan**
10 (11) 5-75 **MECCA'S DUCHESS (13)** M Dods 3 9 2 ..... **P Dennis**
11 (8) 37-0 **GARIFULLINA (14)** J J Davies 4 8 11 ..... **Amie Waugh(5)**

BLINKERS: Nos. 7, 9 VISOR: No. 4 HOOD: No. 5.
W-Factor: Obligatory (76); Garifullina (75); Ingleby Archie (74).
SP FORECAST: 4 Mecca's Duchess, 9-2 Split The Profit, 6 Pendlebury Lane, 7 Obligatory, 8 Ingleby Archie, Jenni, 10 Others

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THE SCOUT

6.03 Wathbah	7.45 Burrito
6.35 Ihopeyoulike	8.20 Rebaatt
7.10 MIDNIGHT GUN (nap)	8.55 Wonder Kid

6.03 FILLIES' NOVICE STAKES £5,154 (Class 4) 7f(6 declared) 2YO

1 (1) 2 **BINIORELLA BAY (22) (F)** Tom Clover 9 2 ..... **J Mitchell**
2 (2) **BINTABUHA** W Knight 9 2 ..... **M Ghiani**
3 (5) 7 **LOCKWOOD (15)** James Owen 9 2 ..... **R Havlin**
4 (4) **MYSTICAL QUEEN** Darryll Holland 9 2 ..... **Liam Wright(5)**
5 (3) 445 **THEATRICALLY (37)** Miss A Murphy 9 2 ..... **J Peate(3)**
6 (6) 5 ● **WATHBAH (22)** A Watson 9 2 ..... **J Bryan**

W-Factor: Biniorella Bay (80); Theatrically (78); Wathbah (75).
SP FORECAST: 5-4 Biniorella Bay, 3 Wathbah, 11-2 Theatrically, 7 Bintabuha, 10 Lockwood, 16 Mystical Queen.

6.35 LONG SHOT REFRESHER HANDICAP 3YO£5,154 (5) 1m (9)

1 (4) 236 **MARMADUKE LEMON (94)** E Bethell 9 9 ..... **P-L Jamin**
2 (3) 5L8 **NEVER FEAR (16)** C Johnston 9 9 ..... **N Callan**
3 (9) L-23 **BERKSHIRE NUGGET (48)** A Balding 9 7 ..... **J Bryan**
4 (8) 764 **SHEILA'S PARADISE (21)** R Hannon 9 7 ..... **S Hitchcott**
5 (7) 73-2 **GLOBAL ASSET (39)** W Haggas 9 6 ..... **C Fallon**
6 (1) 338 **KINDEST NATION (13)(T)** H Palmer 9 6 ..... **R Coakley**
7 (5) 67L- ● **IHOPEYOULIKE (297)** I Mohammed 9 5 **S D Bowen(5)**
8 (2) 652 **GREAT CHIEFTAIN (31)** P & O Cole 9 4 ..... **Georgia Dobie(3)**
9 (6) 759 **STRATOCRACY (85)** K Frost 9 2 ..... **J Mitchell**

BLINKERS: No. 8 TONGUE STRAP: No. 7 CHEEK PIECES: No. 2.
W-Factor: Global Asset (84); Great Chieftain (83); Berkshire Nugget (82).
SP FORECAST: 9-4 Global Asset, 9-2 Great Chieftain, 5 Marmaduke Lemon, Berkshire Nugget, 8 Sheila's Paradise, 10 Kindest Nation, 16 Never Fear, Ihopeyoulike, 25 Stratocracy.

7.10 HANDICAP £12,885 (3) 1m (7)

1 (4) 151 **MYTHICAL GUEST (33) (F)** G Margarson 4 10 2 .. **R Havlin**
2 (3) 175 **BORGI (74) (D)** S Woods 5 9 10 ..... **Dylan Hogan**
3 (5) 0-51 ● **MIDNIGHT GUN (42) (D)** E Walker 3 9 8 ..... **K Stott**
4 (7) 001 **MAKEEN (23) (D,F)** J Camacho 7 9 8 ... **O McSweeney(3)**
5 (2) 746 **MAYSONG (7) (D)** Alice Haynes 7 9 6 ..... **Anna Gibson(7)**
6 (1) 4-95 **SPEEDING BULLET (12)** R Hannon 3 9 2 ..... **C Fallon**
7 (6) 2-46 **MADAME DE SEVIGNE (41)** R Eddery 3 8 10 **S D Bowen(5)**

VISOR: No. 4 CHEEK PIECES: No. 5.
W-Factor: Makeen (89); Maysong (87); Borgi (86).
SP FORECAST: 2 Mythical Guest, 5-2 Midnight Gun, 13-2 Speeding Bullet, 8 Makeen, Borgi, 10 Maysong, 12 Madame De Sevigne.

7.45 EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) 3YO £5,154 (4) 1m 2f (7)

1 (7) 91- **CIRO DI MARZIO (254)** R Beckett 9 10 ..... **M Ghiani**
2 (6) 51 **MORE THUNDER (31) (D)** Sir M Stoute 9 10 ..... **K Stott**
3 (2) 1 **RHETORICAL (35) (D)** W Haggas 9 10 ..... **C Fallon**
4 (4) 9-1 **SPECIALISATION (55) (F)** R Hannon 9 10 ..... **N Callan**
5 (5) ● **BURRITO** J & T Gosden 9 4 ..... **R Havlin**
6 (3) L- **DIFFERENT DRUM (240)** L Allan 9 4 ..... **Dylan Hogan**
7 (1) 82 **SALIK (13)** J Chapple-Hyam 9 4 ..... **J Peate(3)**

W-Factor: Rhetorical (88); Specialisation (84); More Thunder (79).
SP FORECAST: 6-4 Rhetorical, 4 Specialisation, 9-2 Burrito, 5 More Thunder, 6 Ciro Di Marzio, 20 Salik, 100 Different Drum.

8.20 HANDICAP £7,731 (4) 1m 2f 3YO (6)

1 (6) 0-51 **CHATURANGA (40) (D)** A Watson 9 9 ..... **J Bryan**
2 (3) 235 **EDUCATE (17)** J & T Gosden 9 8 ..... **R Havlin**
3 (4) 621 ● **REBAATT (7) (D)** W Haggas 9 8(6ex) ..... **C Fallon**
4 (5) 569 **YOKOHAMA (27)** J Butler 9 6 ..... **N Callan**
5 (2) 33L **ALRAZEEN (27)** G Kelleway 9 3 ..... **L Keniry**
6 (1) 43-1 **BIG ZOU (168)** P Chapple-Hyam 9 2 ..... **S D Bowen(5)**

TONGUE STRAP: No. 2 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 2.
W-Factor: Rebaatt (96); Yokohama (93); Educate (92).
SP FORECAST: 10-11 Rebaatt, 4 Chaturanga, 5 Big Zou, 8 Alrazeen, 10 Educate, 25 Yokohama.

8.55 FIZZ CUP CLASSIC HANDICAP £5,154 (5) 1m 4f 3YO (7)

1 (2) 55-1 ● **WONDER KID (8) (D,T)** H Palmer 10 3(6ex) . **R Coakley**
2 (4) 7-24 **SIR GALAHAD (21)** J Ferguson 9 10 ..... **N Callan**
3 (7) 6L9 **TURING (21)** Jack Jones 9 8 ..... **Dylan Hogan**
4 (1) 234 **MARITIME LADY (25)** James Owen 9 7 ..... **S D Bowen(5)**
5 (3) 6L5 **NORMANDY VISTA (34)** C Johnston 9 6 ..... **C Beasley**
6 (6) 623 **LIVINTHELIFE (13)** Alice Haynes 9 5 ..... **C Howarth(3)**
7 (5) L47 **SWEET PAINTED LADY (25)** I Furtado 9 1 ..... **M Ghiani**

CHEEK PIECES: No. 2 HOOD: Nos. 6, 7.
W-Factor: Turing (78); Wonder Kid (77); Sir Galahad (75).
SP FORECAST: 11-10 Wonder Kid, 9-2 Sir Galahad, 6 Normandy Vista, Livinthelife, 10 Maritime Lady, 16 Turing, 20 Sweet Painted Lady.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good. Right Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** Robert Havlin 14% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** J & T Gosden 23% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 6.35 Never Fear (cheek pieces). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 6.35 Berkshire Nugget. **DRAW:** No significant advantage. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Kindest Nation** (6.35) & **Wonder Kid** (8.55) 207 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 7.45 **Different Drum** from H & R Charlton to L Allan. 8.20 **Big Zou** from Tom Clover to P Chapple-Hyam.

ROSSA PICKS UP THE BATON FROM DETTORI WITH KING GEORGE STRIKE

By **Melissa Jones**

ROSSA RYAN stepped in for Frankie Dettori with a nerves of steel ride on King George V Stakes striker Going The Distance.

The 9-1 chance had just a handful of horses behind him as the 19-strong field were on their final approach to the finish.

Ryan steered to his left to galvanise Ralph Beckett's young stayer – and there was no stopping the determined pair.

One of Dettori's final rides at last year's meeting, Kinross, carried the same Marc Chan silks to seven Group race wins.

But Ryan, who took a table-topping 1,090 rides in 2023, now has a 21 per cent strike rate for the Hong Kong-based owner.

"It's hard starting to get on some of the horses that Frankie was riding and trying to do something with them," he said.

"So to get them a Royal Ascot winner is brilliant, especially as I was a bit sick going home last night after just getting touched off in the Hunt Cup. It's amazing what 24 hours can do."

Wathnan Racing landed another blow when Shareholder burst the bubble of 10-11 Norfolk Stakes favourite Whistlejacket.

The hotpot was only fourth as Karl Burke's juvenile sprinted away, 12 days on from his Beverley debut.

"I thought we were going to get nabbed a furlong out and then he's gone again," said Burke. "Although he was two or three kilos lighter coming here today than Beverley, he looked bigger and stronger."

The strengthening force in the ownership ranks bookended the card with English Oak, ridden by James Doyle, in the Buckingham Palace Stakes.

Ed Walker's trainee gave 100-30 favourite backers some respite with a strong grandstand side run.

"It's not too often you hit the half a furlong marker and you look to see if anything is coming in a race like this," Doyle said.

RY SMILE: Rossa Ryan on Going The Distance

Eddie's ready to get Japan up for a fight

GEORGE HAILS FORMER COACH

From **Adam Hathaway** in Tokyo

JAMIE GEORGE has warned his England team that Eddie Jones will have Japan firing on all cylinders for tomorrow's Tokyo Test.

England's captain was given his big break under Jones, below, but only after sitting on the bench for 18 internationals before getting a start, and he has seen the Japan head coach's motivational powers at first hand.

George, 33, said: "He is very good at building up a week to make it feel like a huge game. I imagine it will have been one of those weeks in the Japan camp, and he will do everything he can to get them in the right emotional state to come out swinging.

"I am not that bothered about impressing him anymore, I don't think! I am actually looking forward to seeing him, genuinely. Myself and Eddie had a good relationship all in all.

"There were some challenging times but I don't think many people had a smooth-sailing relationship the whole way through. I am looking forward to having a beer with him afterwards.

"It will feel a little bit weird looking up to the coaches' box, and we have just got to make sure we look at the right one."

Jones has picked Yoshitaka Yazaki, a 20-year-old student who has been playing for Waseda University and does not have a professional game to his name.

Ahead of his first match in his second stint with Japan, Jones could not resist firing out a warning to England head coach Steve Borthwick.

"We know England were a top-four side at the World Cup," said Jones. "But we are going to take them to the last moment.

"I have got a really good feeling and if we are good enough we will win.

"England have got experience, they're three years into a cycle under Steve, we're 10 days into a cycle.

"There's a gap but we've got no excuse. We've prepared really well and we're going to give it a red-hot go."

WARY: George is expecting Jones to have his side motivated

HOW THEY LINE UP

JAPAN: Yazaki; Naikabula, Riley, Osada, Nezuka; Lee, Sato; Mohara, Harada, Takeuchi, Waqa, Dearns, Leitch (capt), Costley, Makisi.
Reps: Sakate, Miura, Tamefusa, Saumaki, Yamamoto, Fujiwara, Matsuda, Tua.

ENGLAND: Furbank; Feyi-Waboso, Slade, Lawrence, Freeman; M Smith, Mitchell; Rodd, George (capt), Cole, Itoje, Martin, Cunningham-South, Underhill, Earl.
Reps: Dan, Marler, Stuart, Ewels, Curry, Randall, F Smith, Roebuck.

RUGBY LGE

ELLIOT MINCHELLA pressed his claims for an England cap as Hull KR went joint-top of Super League with a 13-12 win at Castleford.

The Robins captain notched a clinical first-half try that gave national head coach Shaun Wane a timely nudge.

Jez Litten's 75th-minute drop-goal sealed victory, but Castleford led through ex-Robins star Sam Wood inside the opening quarter.

WORLD OF SPORT

FORMULA ONE

LANDO NORRIS says he requires help from his fellow Britons if he is to beat Max Verstappen to the title.

George Russell was third with Lewis Hamilton fourth for Mercedes last time out in Canada, and Norris needs them to keep it up to have any chance of beating Verstappen.

NORRIS

McLaren's Norris, who is third in the standings, said: "It's tough but there are probably more possibilities now – especially if Mercedes are in the fight."

DANIEL MOXON

10 to tackle

RATINGS
0-3 Oh dear
4-6 Small beer
7-9 So near
10 Sporting Seer

1. Who scored a hat-trick on the final day of the 2023-24 Premier League season?
2. Which boxer became the first four-belt undisputed men's heavyweight champion last month?
3. Who made an unbeaten 106 for Nottinghamshire in the first innings of the County Championship match against Hampshire at Trent Bridge this season?
4. Which rugby league club won the Challenge Cup in 1967, 1973 and 1983?
5. Which Swedish tennis player won the men's singles at the French Open in 1982, 1985 and 1988?
6. Who is the only man to win three Olympic javelin gold medals?
7. In which form of clay-pigeon shooting are the targets released from two trap houses 40m apart?
8. Which Italian cyclist won the Tour de France in 1949 and 1952?
9. Which American athlete was known as Flo-Jo?
10. Which Ethiopian runner won the men's 5,000m and 10,000m at the 2008 Olympics?

ANSWERS: 1 Jean-Philippe Mateta. 2 Oleksandr Usyk. 3 Lyndon James. 4 Featherstone Rovers. 5 Mats Wilander. 6 Jan Zelezny. 7 Skeet shooting. 8 Fausto Coppi. 9 Florence Griffith Joyner. 10 Kenenisa Bekele.

Dragons in good Grace

GRACE: Backed

REGAN GRACE has been described as an "X factor" player following his shock call-up to Wales' summer training squad.

Former rugby league star Grace, who has only played two senior games of union, could now travel to Australia for Tests against the Wallabies on July 6 and 13. Dragons head coach Warren Gatland will finalise his travelling group after tomorrow's Twickenham clash with South Africa.

Wales assistant Jonathan Humphreys said: "We've lost a few in the back three and he has got speed – he has that X factor."

MIXING IT!

Mikael McKenzie gets stuck in...

PILE-ON OVER McILROY'S NEAR MISS IS SO ROUGH

WHEN Rory McIlroy finally reflects on his US Open campaign, he will be proud of how he earned such a rich position on the final day.

The Northern Irishman let himself down by not wishing congratulations to winner Bryson DeChambeau before storming home.

But McIlroy, right, has been through a lot recently – on and off the course – so cut the guy a bit of slack.

He has every right to feel angry. It was one of the biggest chokes in recent memory, missing two putts of less than four feet on the last three holes.

But the pile-on has been unnecessary. Pundits and players have been queuing up to rub salt in the wounds and there have even been audacious calls to sack his caddie, Harry Diamond.

The spotlight was on McIlroy's marriage with Erica Stoll after he filed for divorce and then U-turned on the eve of the tournament.

It cannot have been easy for him to put that stress aside to deliver his best golf.

MURRAY NEEDS FITTING FAREWELL

ANDY MURRAY deserves a grand send-off at Wimbledon, so it would be a great shame if he is not afforded one.

The Briton is in a race to be fit for his home Grand Slam tournament after pulling out of the cinch Championships.

It would be so unfitting if the last image of Murray, above, at a British tennis event is of him sprawled across the Queen's Club grass while a physio works on his back. Nobody expects him to go and dominate at SW19, but one final match on a packed Centre Court would be a perfect way to bow out.

Who knows? With a fortunate draw he may get two or three.

All England Club chiefs are prepared to make a big song and dance about the 37-year-old if he notifies them beforehand that it will be his last match.

It is time to keep everything crossed that Murray makes it there.

EDDIE JONES is still bitter about his England exit and he will use every opportunity to try to unsettle Steve Borthwick's side this weekend.

But the Japan head coach's former apprentice has learnt from the best when it comes to mind games, so do not expect him to be rattled.

RUUD VAN NISTELROOY will become one of the favourites for the Manchester United job if he can guide Burnley back to the Premier League.

He is in talks with the Clarets and it could open doors for the former PSV Eindhoven manager.

WEST HAM have been put in the strange position of not leaving London for the first three months of the Premier League season.

Trips to Crystal Palace, Fulham, Brentford and Tottenham mean they do not go outside of the M25 until a visit to Nottingham Forest in November.

IN THE ZONE Salt fired up England just at the right time against fellow big- hitters West Indies

Opener ignites England as semi-finals loom

By **Mike Walters**

PHIL SALT decided it was time to "pull the trigger" – and now England can come out all guns blazing against South Africa today.

With a 30-run blitz from a single Romario Shepherd over, Salt demolished co-hosts West Indies in St Lucia.

Another Super 8 win against South Africa at the same venue, or against USA in Barbados on Sunday, will leave Jos Buttler's men on the brink of the semi-finals less than a week after they diced with elimination at the group stage.

Opener Salt's unbeaten 87 from 47 balls catapulted the holders to an eight-wicket victory with 2.3 overs to spare – and his takedown of Shepherd, as England chased 181 to win, was the moment their campaign went nuclear.

Another case of Salt and battery against the Proteas could turn England's renewed belief into a force of nature after he plundered three sixes and three fours off Shepherd in the 16th over.

Salt said: "That was my time to pull the trigger. To come here and play like that against a very strong side, who are riding a wave in their own conditions with a home crowd, is a great feeling."

England's fortunes have turned since their rain-affected group stage left them a whisker away from being knocked out – and they would have gone home without Australia denying Scotland a shock win last weekend.

Salt said: "It's been very stop-start for us. We had a hiccup against Australia and a washout against Scotland, a really topsy-turvy start, and it didn't feel like we'd played that much cricket to this point.

"But in tournament cricket you need confidence and momentum at the right time."

Salt's headline act against West Indies was far from a one-man show, with Jonny Bairstow (48 not out in 26 balls) sharing an unbroken stand of 97 to take the chequered flag. Earlier on, England's outstanding death bowling – with Jofra Archer and Adil Rashid conceding just six runs in two overs between them as the Windies looked to pass 200 – was just as influential.

Skipper Buttler praised Bairstow's aggression against the spinners, adding: "That's what we decided to do – you just keep backing class players."

SALT SHAKER

SUPER EIGHTS, GROUP 2

West Indies v England

GROS ISLET: England (2pts) beat West Indies by eight wickets

WEST INDIES

B King ret ht	23
J Charles c Brook b Ali	38
N Pooran c Buttler b Archer	36
R Powell c Wood b Livingstone	36
A Russell c Salt b Rashid	1
S Rutherford not out	28
R Shepherd not out	5
B2 lb1 w10	13
Total (4 wkts, 20 overs)	**180**

Fall: 94, 137, 141, 143.

Bowling: Topley 3-0-26-0, Wood 3-0-36-0, Archer 4-0-34-1, Curran 3-0-25-0, Rashid 4-0-21-1, Ali 2-0-15-1, Livingstone 1-0-20-1.

ENGLAND

P Salt not out	87
J Buttler lbw Chase	25
M Ali c Charles b Russell	13
J Bairstow not out	48
Lb1 w7	8
Total (2 wkts, 17.3 overs)	**181**

Fall: 67, 84.

Bowling: Hosein 4-0-35-0, Shepherd 2-0-41-0, Russell 2-0-21-1, Joseph 2.3-0-32-0, Motie 4-0-32-0, Chase 3-0-19-1.

Umpires: A Raza & N Menon.

PROBABLE LINE-UPS

ENGLAND: Salt, Buttler (c), Moeen, Bairstow, Brook, Livingstone, Curran, Archer, Rashid, Wood, Topley.
SOUTH AFRICA: De Kock, Hendricks, Markram (c), Klaasen, Miller, Stubbs, Jansen, Maharaj, Nortje, Rabada, Shamsi.
Referee: Jeff Crowe.
Umpires: Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid and Chris Brown.
Starts: 3.30pm, Sky Sports

Yadav puts India in the driving seat

YADAV: Quickfire 53

SURYAKUMAR YADAV hit a rapid half-century to set India up for a convincing 47-run win against Afghanistan.

Yadav hit five fours and three sixes in his 28-ball 53, and shared a crucial fifth-wicket partnership of 60 with Hardik Pandya as India recovered from 90-4 to post 181-8 in Barbados.

Afghanistan's reply never recovered from the loss of three wickets inside the first five overs and they were dismissed for 134 as they fell well short, with the impressive Jasprit Bumrah taking 3-7.

Yadav said: "A lot of hard work and practice has gone behind this.

"I'm very clear about what to do when I go out." India had made a sluggish start, with Afghan captain Rashid Khan taking 3-26.

Yadav and Pandya changed the momentum of the Super 8s clash before Axar Patel's quick 12 lifted it further.

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JACK'S GIANT LEAP

JUMPING FOR JOY: Draper celebrates beating Alcaraz in straight sets yesterday

Draper a 'contender' for SW19 after toppling Alcaraz

By **Neil McLeman**

CARLOS ALCARAZ claimed Jack Draper is a Wimbledon contender after the British No.1 stunned the defending champion at Queen's Club.

The day after Andy Murray limped out of the cinch Championships, the dashing 22-year-old showed he is the bright young future of British tennis with the biggest win of his career.

French Open champion Alcaraz, right, had won eight matches in a row – and was 13-0 on grass since the start of last year after claiming the titles here and at Wimbledon.

But deploying his big left-hand serve, the aggressive Draper blew away the world No.2 by a 7-6 6-3 margin.

Draper won his first ATP Tour title in Stuttgart on Sunday and has now racked up seven consecutive victories on grass, with Wimbledon starting on July 1.

Alcaraz said: "He's playing great tennis. He didn't let me get into the match with his serve. He was more prepared on grass than me. If he plays like this he's a contender to do really well at Wimbledon."

Asked if he can win the title here after reaching the quarter-finals, Draper said: "Yeah. I'm thinking match-by-match. It's amazing to beat someone like Carlos, and that's great, but I've got to go again against another great player in Tommy Paul."

The world No.31 celebrated by punching the air in delight in front of an adoring Centre Court crowd and his family, including 80-year-old grandad Chris. "It kind of feels like a bit of an overnight success but I have been working for so many years now," he said.

Draper is the first British male to beat a top-two player on grass since Murray won the 2013 Wimbledon final against Novak Djokovic.

Murray claimed his first ATP Tour wins at Queen's 19 years ago before returning to land the title five times.

BBC commentator Andrew Castle said: "I remember Murray here in 2005 and it is reminiscent of that. This is a moment of arrival. Isn't it strange – 24 hours after Andy it really feels like the baton has been passed. It's almost like, 'Here you go, it's your turn'."

Pundit Annabel Croft added: "It is a life-changing win for him. He has announced himself on a very big stage."

Alcaraz complained to umpire Mohamed Lahyani in the first set over a trial with the 25-second shot clock, which starts three seconds after the end of the previous point.

"I felt like I was in a rush all the time," he said. "I had no time to bounce and do my routine. Of course it's something bad for the players."

Murray will undergo further tests today as he waits to see if his back injury will allow him to make a farewell appearance at Wimbledon.

Harris wild about rise

BRITISH No.6 Billy Harris followed his first Wimbledon wild card by reaching his first ATP Tour quarter-finals at Queen's Club.

Before this week, Harris had earned £232,000 in a nine-year career during which he spent more than three years travelling around Europe playing small events in a converted Ford Transit van. The Wimbledon wild card he received is worth at least £60,000, just for a first-round defeat.

And after beating French world No.67 Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard 6-4 7-5 to set up a last-eight clash with Italian Lorenzo Musetti and earn £52,260, the 29-year-old said: "It's like Christmas Day every day. It's all been a journey. Now it's leading on to bigger things.

"I'm feeling good about how it's all going."

NEIL McLEMAN

Freak accident ends Archibald's Paris bid

CYCLING
By **Mike Walters**

DOUBLE Olympic champion Katie Archibald will miss the Paris Olympics next month after breaking her left leg in a freak garden accident.

In a shattering blow to Team GB's track cycling squad, in which she was the new de facto leader of the women's endurance team following Dame Laura Kenny's retirement, Archibald suffered a fractured tibia and fibula plus substantial ankle ligament damage.

Three years ago in Tokyo, Archibald and Kenny stormed to madison gold, and the 30-year-old Scot was the queen bee of Britain's team pursuit quartet, who are among the favourites to top the podium at the Olympics.

She was planning to ride in the team pursuit, madison and multi-task omnium in Paris, but Monday's planned Team GB cycling squad announcement has been forced into a reshuffle. Archibald missed the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham after colliding with a vehicle, amid a series of injury episodes, while her partner, mountain biker Rab Wardell, died that summer aged 37.

She had an operation on Wednesday and posted on Instagram: "I tripped over a step in the garden.

"A hundred apologies for what this means for the Olympic team, which I've been told won't involve me.

"I'm still processing that bit of news."

ON MEND: Archibald after her operation

SPORT IN BRIEF

Euro 2024 - Group B
SPAIN (0)..... 1 ITALY (0)..... 0
Calafiori 55 (og)

Group C
DENMARK (1)..... 1 ENGLAND (1)..... 1
Hjulmand 34 — Kane 18
Att: 46,177
SLOVENIA (0)..... 1 SERBIA (0)..... 1
Karnicnik 69 — Jovic 90
Att: 63,028

CRICKET
ICC T20 WORLD CUP - SUPER EIGHTS - Group 1 (Bridgetown): India 181-8 (20 overs; S A Yadav 53). Afghanistan 134 (20 overs). *India (2pts) beat Afghanistan by 47 runs..*
VITALITY T20 BLAST
NORTH GROUP
Warwickshire v Northamptonshire (Edgbaston): Warwickshire 219-4 (20.0 overs; J Bethell 56no). Northamptonshire 129-9 (20.0 overs). *Warwickshire (2pts) beat Northamptonshire by 90 runs.*
Yorkshire v Lancashire (Headingley): Yorkshire 173-8 (20.0 overs; Shan Masood 61). Lancashire 126-6 (16.2 overs).
SOUTH GROUP
Essex v Hampshire (Chelmsford): Hampshire 166-7 (20.0 overs). Essex 170-2 (16.5 overs; D Elgar 60no). *Essex (2pts) won Hampshire by 8 wickets.*
Glamorgan v Gloucestershire (Sophia Gardens): Glamorgan 140-6 (20.0 overs). Gloucestershire 142-8 (20.0 overs; J M R J M R Taylor 70). *Gloucestershire (2pts) beat Glamorgan by 2 wickets.*
Middlesex v Surrey (Lord's): Surrey 185-9 (20.0 overs; L B K Hollman 5-16). Middlesex 129-8 (20.0 overs; S A Abbott 5-18). *Surrey (2pts) beat Middlesex by 56 runs.*
Sussex v Kent (Hove): Sussex 201-7 (20.0 overs; H Ward 61). Kent 170-7 (20.0 overs; S W Billings 51). *Sussex (2pts) beat Kent by 31 runs.*

GOLF
KLM OPEN (Amsterdam)—**1st Rnd** (Gbr & Irl unless stated, Par 71): **64** M Manassero (Ita), M Korhonen (Fin), **65** R Hoshino (Jpn), **66** S Crocker (USA), E Molinari (Ita), J Morrison, H Norlander (Swe), **67** C Shinkwin, R Fisher, E Kofstad (Nor), F Celli (Ita), **68** L Canter, G Migliozzi (Ita), M Baldwin, J Luiten (Ned), Z Lombard (Rsa), M Schmid (Ger), A Fitzpatrick, M Kinhult (Swe), G Fernandez-Castano (Spa), A Pavan (Ita), F Laporta (Ita).

RUGBY LEAGUE
Betfred Super League
CASTLEFORD..... 12 HULL K R..... 13
Castleford—T: Wood, Milnes. **G**: Milnes (2). **Hull K R—T**: Opacic, Minchella. **G**: Lewis (2). **DG**: Litten.

TENNIS
ATP CINCH CHAMPIONSHIPS (The Queen's Club, London)—**2nd rd:** T Paul (USA) bt A Tabilo (Chi) 6-3 6-4; J Draper (Gbr) bt C Alcaraz (Spa) 7-6 (7-3) 6-3; B Harris (Gbr) bt G Mpetshi Perricard (Fra) 6-4 7-5; L Musetti (Ita) bt B Nakashima (USA) 6-4 4-6 6-4.
ATP TERRA WORTMANN OPEN (Halle)—**2nd rd:** H Hurkacz (Pol) bt J Duckworth (Aus) 7-6 (7-3) 6-4; J Sinner (Ita) bt F Marozsan (Hun) 6-4 6-7 (4-7) 6-3; M Giron (USA) bt M Berrettini (Ita) 3-6 6-4 6-3; J Struff (Ger) bt S Tsitsipas (Gre) 6-4 6-4.
WTA ECOTRANS OPEN (Berlin)—**2nd rd:** C Gauff (USA) bt E Alexandrova (Rus) 7-6 (8-6) 6-2; J Pegula (USA) bt D Vekic (Cro) 6-4 7-5; A Sabalenka (Blr) bt D Kasatkina (Rus) 6-1 6-4.
WTA ROTHESAY CLASSIC (Birmingham)—**2nd rd:** B Krejcikova (Cze) bt H Dart (Gbr) 6-3 6-4.

TODAY'S DIARY

Euro 2024 - Group E
Slovakia v Ukraine (2pm)..... (Live on BBC 1)
Group D
Netherlands v France (8pm)..... (Live on BBC 1)
Poland v Austria (5pm)..... (Live on ITV 1)
Copa America Group A
Peru v Chile (tonight 1am).....

CRICKET
ICC T20 World Cup - Super Eights, Group 2: England v South Africa (Gros Islet, 3.30pm), West Indies v USA (Bridgetown, tonight 1.30am).
Vitality T20 Blast - North Group: Durham v Yorkshire (Riverside, 6.30pm), Northamptonshire v Leicestershire (Northampton, 6.30pm), Nottinghamshire v Derbyshire (Trent Bridge, 6.30pm), Worcestershire v Warwickshire (New Road, 5.30pm). **South Group:** Gloucestershire v Somerset (Bristol, 6.30pm), Hampshire v Sussex (The Rose Bowl, 7.15pm), Kent v Essex (Canterbury, 6.30pm), Surrey v Glamorgan (The Oval, 6.30pm).

RUGBY LEAGUE
Betfred Super League (8pm): Leeds v Leigh, Wigan v London Bs.

Scare for Wimbledon champ Marketa

FALL: Vondrousova injured her hip

WIMBLEDON champion Marketa Vondrousova has suffered an injury setback ahead of the tournament after being forced to retire in Berlin.

It comes at a time when Novak Djokovic is also struggling to be fit, Rafa Nadal is missing and Andy Murray is doubtful. Czech star Vondrousova, a surprise winner of her first Grand Slam title last summer, had a nasty fall behind the baseline during her second-round match against Anna Kalinskaya at the Berlin Open.

Vondrousova, who was leading 5-3 at the time, got up holding her right hip area and took an off-court medical time-out. She returned with heavy strapping and played two more games but lost both before shaking hands with Kalinskaya.

Elena Rybakina made it through to the quarter-finals with a 6-4 7-5 victory against Veronika Kudermetova.

In Birmingham, Harriet Dart was beaten 6-3 6-4 by Czech Barbora Krejcikova in the second round of the Rothesay Classic to end British singles interest.

In the quarter-finals, Krejcikova, who was beaten in the final last year by Jelena Ostapenko, will take on Russian Anastasia Potapova, while Diana Shnaider moved into the last eight with a 7-6 6-3 victory against eighth seed Marie Bouzkova.

New job no Fox trot for Cooper

By **Neil Moxley**

STEVE COOPER has stepped back into management with Leicester – and says he is ready for anything.

The Welshman, 44, succeeds Enzo Maresca, who has joined Chelsea.

Cooper, below, returns to the front line six months after being sacked by Nottingham Forest.

He believes his experience in keeping Forest in the top flight, against a backdrop of a huge player turnover, will be valuable.

Cooper said: "The work starts now on building to a successful Premier League season.

"The aim is to make Leicester an established Premier League club – one that can look forward to the future with pride and ambition. We have to show our fans we are ready to adapt to a new level.

"I know my experience will be valuable in helping that. My job is to bring everyone along, players, staff and fans.

"Great challenges lie ahead but I get the feeling Leicester thrive in these moments."

Leicester are still at loggerheads with the authorities over profit and sustainability issues, remaining the favourites for the drop.

Cooper had a close bond with Forest's fans and wants to create the same link at the Foxes.

He added: "The club has a distinct identity.

"It is important we play with a style that the Leicester support recognise as the very best of their club."

Chairman Aiyawatt Srivaddhanaprabha said: "Steve has the ability to build on the strong relationship that has been forged between our fans and team, strengthening a bond that will be vital to us re-establishing the club in the Premier League."

IT'S AN EARLY SLOT

ARNE SLOT has joked Liverpool are opening their Premier League campaign with an early kick off thanks to Jurgen Klopp's moans about 12.30pm starts.

The new Kop manager was asked about the Reds' lunchtime clash away to Ipswich on August 17.

Former manager Klopp was constantly angered by the amount of times the Reds were picked to play in the TV slot. The German even tore into TNT Sports towards the end of his time in England and claimed he would never watch the channel again.

But Slot is not concerned as it is the first game and not following a midweek Champions League match.

He said: "They've told me it's going to be 12.30... from what I know, Jurgen complained a lot about this so probably they thought, with Jurgen being out, let's put them at 12.30 again!"

CHRIS McKENNA

At least three years to repair broken United

RATCLIFFE OPENS UP ON SIZE OF TASK TO OVERHAUL CLUB

By **David McDonnell**

SIR JIM RATCLIFFE was refreshingly candid when he said it will take at least three years to make Manchester United competitive again.

Last season was a nadir for the club, with their lowest Premier League finish of eighth and a meek group-stage exit from the Champions League.

But the miserable campaign, against a backdrop of unprecedented injuries, did end on a high with victory against Manchester City in the FA Cup final.

That win effectively kept Erik ten Hag in a job, only after Ratcliffe and his coterie spoke to a host of potential replacements, before deciding to stick with the 54-year-old – for now at least.

Ratcliffe, who is in charge of football operations, knows United have a huge task, with the club failing to challenge for the league title in the 11 years since Sir Alex Ferguson stepped down.

In a wide-ranging interview with Bloomberg, Ratcliffe outlined his strategy for making United great again, calling for patience from fans as he and his team begin their overhaul.

The INEOS billionaire said: "I'm not confident that we'll solve all the problems in the first transfer window. It will take two or three summer windows to get to a better place."

With technical director Jason Wilcox the only new member of the football executive team in place, with new CEO Omar Berrada starting next month and incoming sporting director Dan Ashworth still on gardening leave at Newcastle, Ratcliffe admitted United have been restricted in what they can undertake this summer.

"We're a bit handicapped in that sense," said Ratcliffe. "So I think we'll do a fairly good job."

The Premier League's profit and sustainability rules mean United are restricted – like all clubs – in what they can spend this summer, their initial budget of about £50million needing to be supplemented by sales to raise the revenue to improve the squad.

With those spending limits and with Ratcliffe still assembling his new football leadership team, he is acutely aware that United's re-emergence as a major force will be a long-term process.

"There's room for improvement everywhere we look at Manchester United, and we will improve everything," said Ratcliffe. "We want to be where Real Madrid are today, but it'll take time."

With three European Cups to Real Madrid's 15, United have some way to go to catch up. But turning United into a side able to compete is Ratcliffe's sole aim, with the focus now wholly on the football side at a club where business, revenue and commercial targets have taken precedence over what happens on the pitch for far too long.

HEAVY GOING Ratcliffe is building an executive team but Wilcox, inset, is the only arrival

FOOTBALL LATEST

● HEUNG-MIN SON said Rodrigo Bentancur has apologised for making a racist joke about him during a TV interview in Uruguay, and believes his Tottenham team-mate "made a mistake".

● **MIDDLESBROUGH midfielder Dan Barlaser is in talks with Turkish side Trabzonspor. Boro value the 27-year-old, who has not been a regular starter, at £2million.**

● **BURNLEY have rejected Newcastle's second bid for goalkeeper James Trafford. The first offer was £15m but the Clarets want at least £20m.**

● WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE clubs saw their combined revenue rise by 50 percent in the season after England's home Euro 2022 triumph.

● **MANAGER Graham Coughlan has left Newport by mutual consent.**

UEFA transfer curb far from Nice for Sir Jim

TODIBO: United target

By **David McDonnell**

SIR JIM RATCLIFFE has hit out at UEFA for blocking Manchester United's bid to sign Nice defender Jean-Clair Todibo.

As well as controlling football operations at United, Ratcliffe also owns French club Nice, with UEFA keen to take a hard line on multi-club ownership.

Their rules say a single owner is not allowed to have control over two teams in the same competition, and his clubs are playing in the Europa League next season.

That means Ratcliffe must place Nice into a "blind trust". But he has slammed UEFA for preventing clubs who belong to the same group from trading players.

Although Ratcliffe did not name the footballer, it is known to be £35million-rated Todibo, who United wanted to sign this summer and have been told by UEFA that the deal is prohibited.

"They've said we can sell him to another Premiership club but we can't sell to United," said Ratcliffe.

"That's not fair on the player and I don't see what that achieves."

Ratcliffe also insisted the culture has to change for United to be successful again. "The coach isn't the central issue," he said.

"It needs to be competitive, with a degree of intensity, but with a supportive side to it because you are dealing with players who are relatively young.

"It hasn't had that type of environment historically."

Ratcliffe hinted at a change in transfer policy, focused on buying young stars with long-term value.

RIGHT CALL... Southgate was correct to take Kane off after the skipper laboured for England

CAPTAIN HOOK

Pain for Kane after woeful show forces Southgate to haul him off

From **Andy Dunn** in Frankfurt

AS you would expect, Harry Kane took it well, unfastening his armband and jogging smartly towards Kyle Walker to hand it over.

But it must have hurt – being hooked with a good 20 minutes left.

Being hooked when you are the England captain and record scorer – at a stage when your team are hunting a goal – has to be particularly painful.

And what must have hurt Kane most of all is that it was the right call.

In fact, by that point, it was a no-brainer.

It was an obvious shout even though he had scored his 64th England goal, and 13th in tournament football, a strike that meant Gareth Southgate's team took a point away that their performance did not deserve.

But of all the worrying, error-ridden, below-par displays in this desperately disappointing England show, Kane's was one of the most eye-catching.

And not just because his uncharacteristically loose ball gave Denmark the pass that led to Morten Hjulmand's splendid equaliser.

After being gifted the goal that now means he has scored in four successive major tournaments, Kane looked off the pace throughout, laboured and ineffective.

In the win against Serbia in last Sunday's Group C opener, he had 24 touches. In this grim draw against the Danes, he had 22. Dropping deep into territory where Jude Bellingham was already wandering aimlessly, Kane barely posed a threat after capitalising on Walker's excellent work to score.

Against robust opposition, the 30-year-old Kane seemed to find it something of a physical struggle.

He toiled with a back injury ahead of Bayern Munich's Champions League semi-final second leg at Real Madrid and, on reflection, his manager Thomas Tuchel thought it might have been a mistake to play him.

Kane then missed Bayern's final game of the Bundesliga season but was keen to dispel fears he might be unfit when he joined up with England.

That continues to be the party line although contributions such as this one make you wonder if he really is anywhere near 100 percent sharp.

FLOORED: Hjulmand profited from error by Kane for leveller

Not many England players looked sharp in this disjointed, painful, laborious slog that leaves them top of their group table nonetheless.

Bar a decent late through ball for substitute Ollie Watkins, Bellingham had such a poor game that it was actually unfathomable.

There was nothing Ballon d'Or about it, and it was something of a surprise he stayed on the field when Southgate made the raft of changes that included the removal of his skipper.

Bellingham's pass for Watkins gave the Aston Villa striker a sneaky chance of a late winner but Kasper Schmeichel reacted well to save.

Still, Watkins was lively enough in the latter stages to at least suggest he is a viable alternative to Kane.

Not that Southgate would ever think about relegating a fit Kane to the bench.

The fact remains that he is England's main scoring hope and this team's leader.

Kane was out there at the end, leading the applause for the disgruntled fans and shaking the hand of every member of the squad.

But there is no escaping one fact. Right now, England have too many underperforming blue-chip players.

And Harry Kane is most definitely one of them.

JOVIC: Struck late on

Seething Serbs get a lifeline

SLOVENIA 1 SERBIA 1

SERBIA fought to keep their Euro 2024 dream alive – hours after threatening to quit the tournament.

Luka Jovic's equaliser in the sixth minute of stoppage time salvaged a point in Munich.

Head coach Dragan Stojkovic said: "First of all, Serbs do not die so easily. We do not give up. We believed all the way until the end and the result is a reward for believing."

Earlier in the day, the Serbia FA condemed UEFA's failure to punish Albania and Croatia fans for chanting, "Kill, kill, kill the Serb" in Wednesday's 2-2 draw.

Serbia's general secretary Jovan Surbatovic said: "It's scandalous and we will ask UEFA for sanctions, even if it means not continuing in the competition."

Serbia missed many opportunities before Slovenia took the lead on 69 minutes.

Timi Max Elsnik, who hit the woodwork in the first half, sent a dangerous ball flying across the face of goal for right-back Zan Karnicnik to turn in.

But Jovic glanced home from a corner to break Slovenia hearts.

Klaus Gjasula's equaliser in the fifth minute of stoppage time for Albania against Croatia was the latest goal in Euros history but that record lasted barely 24 hours.

SLOVENIA (4-4-2): Oblak 8; Karnicnik 8, Drkusic 6, Bijol 7, Janza 6; Stojanovic 6 (Verbic 76, 6), Gnezda Cerin 6, Elsnik 8 (Brekalo 90), Mlakar 6 (Stankovic 5, 64); Sporar 6, Sesko 7 (Lovric 76). **Goal:** Karnicnik 69.

SERBIA (3-4-1-2): Rajkovic 7; Veljkovic 6, Milenkovic 6, Pavlovic 6; Zivkovic 6 (Birmancevic 81), Ilic 6, Lukic 6 (Milinkovic-Savic 64, 5), Mladenovic 6 (Gacinovic 46, 6); Tadic 6 (Samardzic 81); Mitrovic 6, Vlahovic 4 (Jovic 64, 8). **Goal:** Jovic 90.

RYAN TAYLOR

Gareth takes the blame for tame display

FROM BACK PAGE

function – and that's my responsibility. I'm in control and I have to find solutions. The players are giving everything. If anything, they care too much.

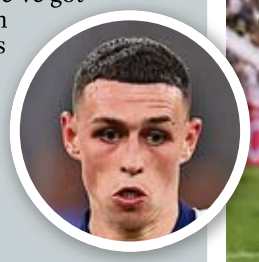
"We can't make excuses. We have to accept responsibility. We didn't pass the ball with any intensity and we conceded possession too easily.

"That led to an anxious performance and we have to be better if we want to progress to the latter stages, like everyone is expecting.

"Our press wasn't intense enough and that gave us a problem. We have got to find a way of being more compact than we have in the last three halves of football.

"These boys aren't lacking effort but we need to find more quality.

"We are disappointed with the performance levels in the first two games and now we've got to analyse them in depth and address the issues we have."



Southgate substituted Trent Alexander-Arnold and attacking trio Kane, Phil Foden, right, and Bukayo Saka in a bid to turn the tide. After walking across the pitch to thank the Three Lions support, England manager Southgate suggested the tournament favourites are struggling with expectation levels.

He said: "We need the fans and I will always face them. I have to say they've been brilliant in the stadiums and I can completely understand their frustration with the way that we played.

"We have to accept the environment that we're in and the expectations that are around us – and we have to walk towards that challenge.

"To achieve extraordinary things, you have to go through some difficult moments.

"This was a difficult moment without a doubt, towards the end of the game especially. We understand what that will mean for the next few days, but we have to stay calm inside the group and find good solutions to improve it."

WAKE-UP CALL

PICK THAT ONE OUT: Hjulmand fires a low drive from 25 yards past Pickford

New plan is crucial to ignite dire Lions

DENMARK 1
ENGLAND 1

From **John Cross** in Frankfurt

THIS time, there is no other way of dressing it up.

England were so poor you could not possibly back them as potential winners after this performance.

Gareth Southgate led his players over to the fans after the final whistle and, as they clapped the loyal support, you felt they should have been apologising.

No wonder there was some booing at the final whistle. The fans deserved better. England were lucky to get a draw and a point at least means if they beat Slovenia on Tuesday then they will top the group. All is not lost.

But what England have lost is optimism and momentum. They looked tired, lethargic and without a plan. Denmark were the better team as they had more hunger and desire.

England's big players did not turn up. Even Harry Kane got substituted. Jude Bellingham was brilliant against Serbia but got so frustrated against Denmark. Nothing went right for him.

Kane was gifted the 18th-minute opener but England could not even hold on to that lead for long. This must be a brutal wake-up call for England – otherwise they will be going home pretty quickly.

This felt like the bad old days from before Southgate's reign. England were woeful at times. This performance should send Southgate back to the drawing board. The system, the players and the tactics just did not work.

Trent Alexander-Arnold is just not working in midfield.

FOR TIRED SIDE

AN OFF NIGHT Bellingham could not fire side and Alexander-Arnold, left with Eriksen, was subbed

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ENGLAND	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
DENMARK	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
SLOVENIA	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
SERBIA	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

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His passing was poor and he offers no protection to his defence. Even Declan Rice, normally so reliable, was caught dribbling out of his own penalty box.

Kane was substituted with 20 minutes left because he had run out of steam, which was a familiar story through the team.

Southgate did not seem to be able to make the right substitutions and was not brave enough to make the most obvious one of all. If it is not working – and it was not working for Bellingham – then sometimes you have to take off your best player.

The crazy thing was that England were gift-wrapped a goal. Kyle Walker robbed Victor Kristiansen, put over a low cross which was deflected and there was Kane to score.

But rather than try to press home their advantage, they sat back. England were a shambles. Kane's poor clearance fell to Kristiansen and then Morten Hjulmand rifled in a low shot from 25 yards off the post. No one closed him down and no one pressed all night. That is what happens when you use players out of position.

The half-time whistle could not come quick enough for England. Southgate took Alexander-Arnold off nine minutes into the second half and replaced him with Conor Gallagher's work-rate and energy. It made England more balanced.

Bukayo Saka hit the side netting, and Phil Foden smashed a 20-yard drive against the post. After 69 minutes, Saka, Kane and Foden were all taken off for Jarrod Bowen, Eberechi Eze and Ollie Watkins. They brought more energy but England could not find a way through.

Southgate looked lost on the touchline. Out of ideas and maybe out of time.

Worst of all, England's players looked tired on the back of a long season. The perennial English problem.

DENMARK v ENGLAND

48	POSSESSION %	52
7	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
4	SHOTS OFF TARGET	6
5	BLOCKED SHOTS	1
4	CORNERS	2
13	FOULS	5
3	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	0

Source: Opta

ENGLAND

(4-2-3-1) By Simon Mullock

PICKFORD 6
Almost punished by Eriksen for a lapse in concentration and will be frustrated to be beaten for the equaliser.

WALKER 7
Picked Kristiansen's pocket to provide the cross for Kane's opening goal. Let very little come down his flank.

STONES 7
Starting to form an effective central defensive understanding with Guehi. Showed he can defend as well as play.

GUEHI 7
One of the few England players who stood up to be counted. Brilliant tackle to make up for a late mistake.

TRIPPIER 7
Can never be accused of a lack of effort – and did well defensively. But he is unable to threaten on the left.

ALEX-ARNOLD 5
One of England's most talented players but the gamble of playing him in midfield just has not worked.

RICE 6
Offered the back four his usual level of protection but unable to get on the ball to build play like he loves to do.

SAKA 5
Starved of the ball and subsequently unable to test his full-back. Saw a brave looping header drop just wide.

BELLINGHAM 5
Struggled to influence the game and quickly became frustrated. Fortunate to stay on when changes were made.

FODEN 6
Slammed a 25-yard shot against the post in the second half. Will be disappointed to have been subbed.

KANE 6
Became England's record goalscorer at major tournaments, but another sluggish performance by the captain.

SUBSTITUTES
Gallagher (Alex-Arnold 54) 6, Bowen (Foden 69) 5, Eze (Saka 69) 5, Watkins (Kane 69) 5.

DENMARK (3-4-1-2)
Schmeichel 6; Andersen 8, Christensen 8, Vestergaard 7; Maehle 7, Hjulmand 7 (Norgaard 82), Hojbjerg 7, Kristiansen 5 (Bah 57, 5); Eriksen 8 (Olsen 82); Hojlund 5 (Poulsen 67, 5), Wind 5 (Damsgaard 57, 5).

GOALS – ENGLAND: Kane 18. DENMARK: Hjulmand 34. BOOKINGS – ENGLAND: Gallagher. DENMARK: Vestergaard, Maehle, Norgaard.

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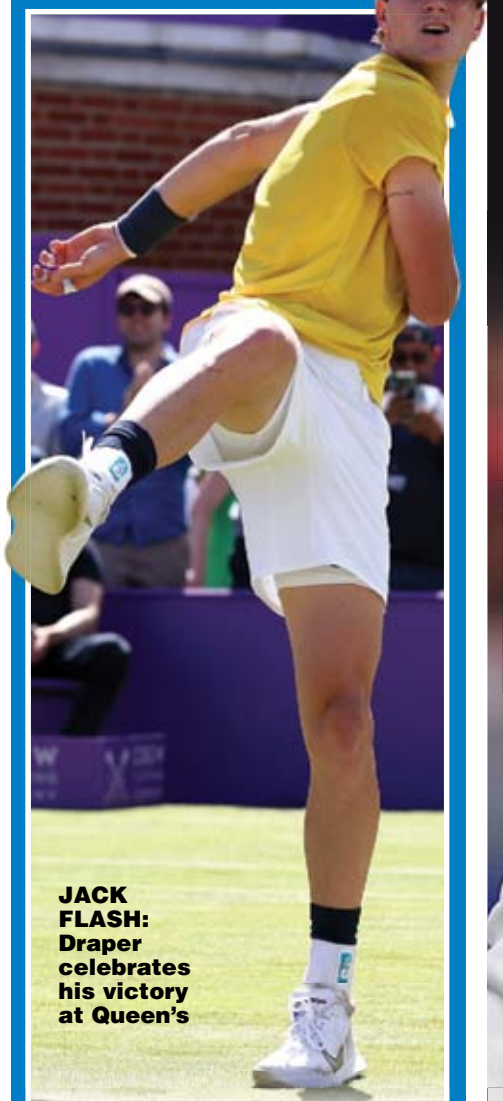

JACK FLASH: Draper celebrates his victory at Queen's

DRAPER KICKS OUT ALCARAZ

DEFENDING CHAMP STUNNED: P63

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DENMARK 1 1 ENGLAND

TAME OLD STORY

Gareth takes blame as side jeered after another flat display

HEAD IN HANDS: Manager Southgate, Declan Rice, centre, and, right, Jude Bellingham

From **Simon Mullock** in Frankfurt

GARETH SOUTHGATE told the nation to blame him after his England players were jeered by the fans following another insipid Euros display.

The Three Lions remain two points clear at the top of Group C, but they were lucky to escape with a draw after being outplayed and outfought by a Denmark team that were disappointed they could not force a famous win. Southgate said: "The team didn't

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SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, row, and 3x3 square includes all of the digits from one to nine. **Solutions on Monday**

EASY

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MEDIUM

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DIFFICULT

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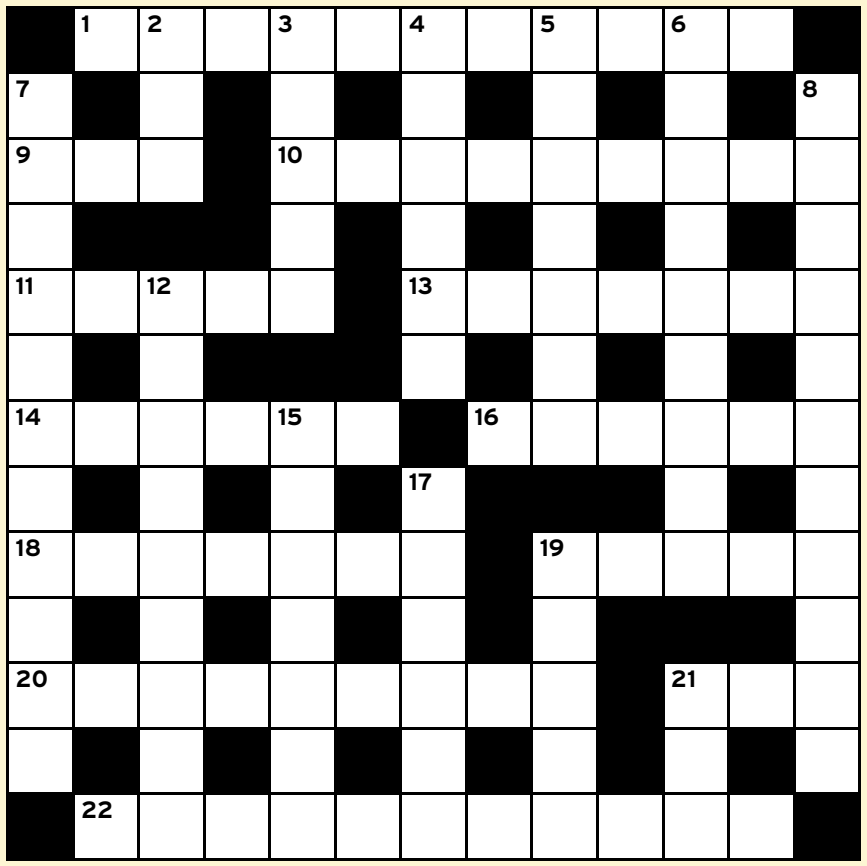

ACROSS
1 Disenchant (11)
9 Look at (3)
10 Undertake (9)
11 Happening (5)
13 Cost (7)
14 Accompany (6)
16 Bury (6)
18 Sudden resolve (7)
19 Coach (5)
20 All-embracing (9)
21 Deed (3)
22 Unceasingly (11)

DOWN
2 Anger (3)
3 Mass of cast metal (5)
4 Chief (6)
5 Whet (7)
6 Thorough-going (3-3-3)
7 Destructive (11)
8 Echo (11)
12 Offence (9)
15 Ease (7)
17 Against (6)
19 Claw (5)
21 The whole (3)

Solution on Monday

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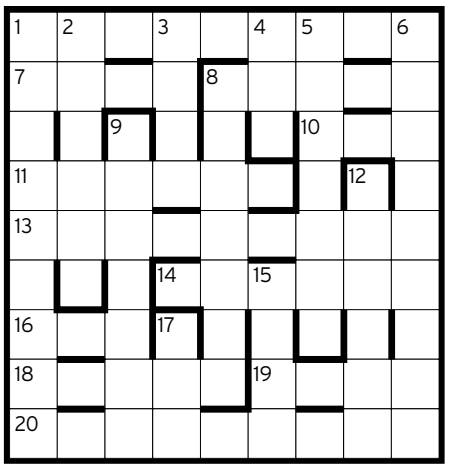
SMALL CROSSWORD



ACROSS
1 Made a declaration (9)
7 Stag or doe (4)
8 Poetry (5)
10 Affirmative answer (3)
11 Indeed (6)
13 Moving stairs (9)
14 US island state (6)
16 Small ocean (3)
18 Bird of prey (5)
19 Item of footwear (4)
20 Collections of bones (9)

DOWN
1 Speaks to (9)
2 Most fresh (6)
3 Relating to the mouth (4)
4 Fishing equipment (3)
5 Cut glass (7)
6 Beer discs (anag.) (9)
8 Small community (7)
9 Parcel (7)
12 Toxic substance (6)
15 Compass point (4)
17 Unwell (3)

Solution on Monday

For today's solution call:
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CROSS DOUBT

Target times: Average: **18 mins** Good: **14 mins** Excellent: **10 mins**

Stuck? Call for a clue
0901 322 5601
Halve your Target Time!

Today's solution
0901 322 5607
Both today's words in a moment!

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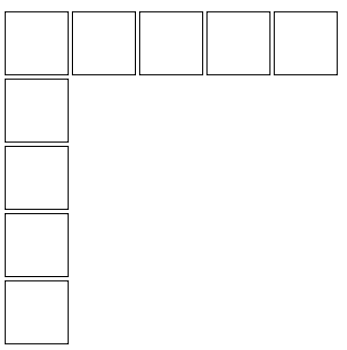
Can you make two common five-letter words from the nine letters given, using each letter only once? You can – but only if one letter features in both words in the squares on the right. There's at least one way to do it, and you have to have the right letter at the crossover – but which one is it?

See if you can find the answer within our target time. If you need help, ring our clue-line below to find out the crossover letter. Solution on Monday

A E E G H L N O W



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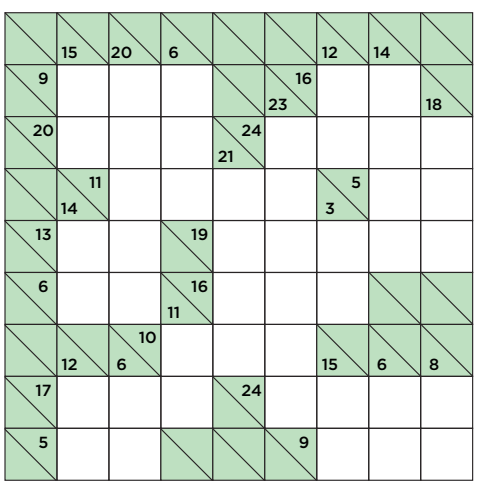


Fill each sequence of blank squares using the numbers 1-9. Each sequence – across and down – must total the number in the shaded box at the beginning or top of each line. A number may be repeated in each line but NOT in a sequence.

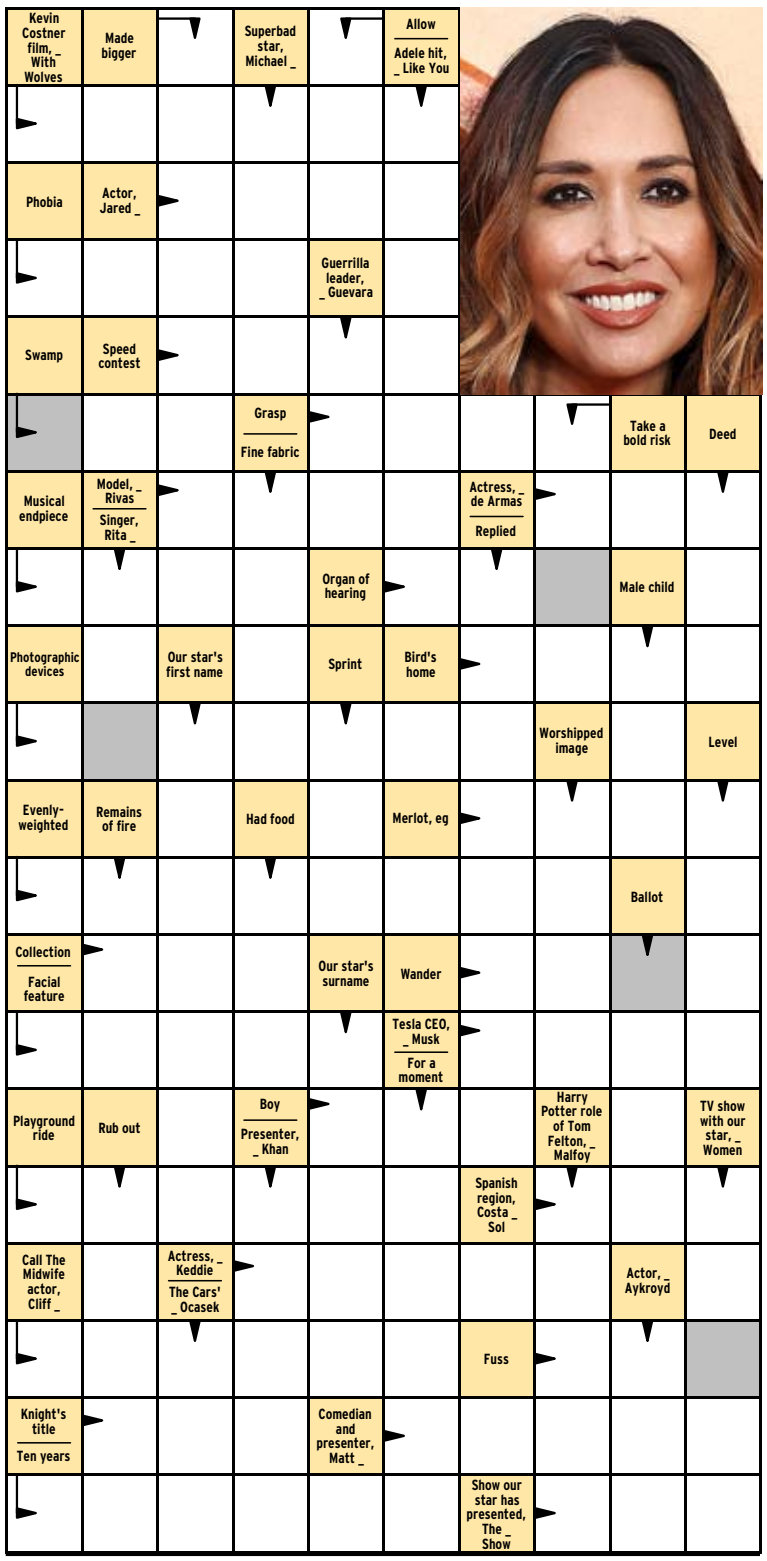
Solution on Monday

Puzzles

ARROW-WORD

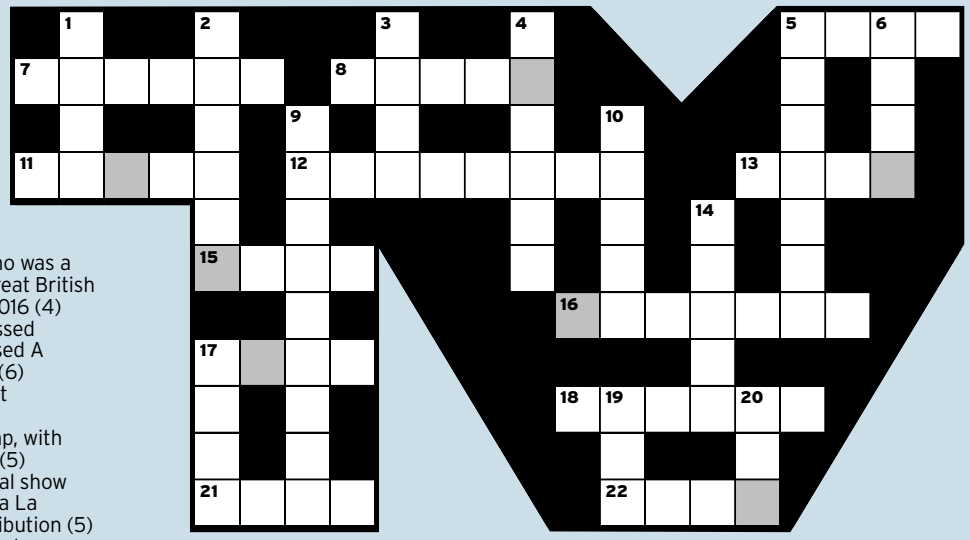
Enter your answers as indicated by the arrows, including items connected with our TV star, then read the letters in the shaded squares to spell the TV channel our star worked for after graduating (5).

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out



TV CROSSWORD

Solve our crossword, then rearrange the letters in the shaded squares to reveal the name of a TV show (7).



ACROSS

5 _ Berry, chef who was a judge on The Great British Bake Off until 2016 (4)
7 The host of I Kissed A Boy and I Kissed A Girl, _ Minogue (6)
8 1980s drama set in a Japanese internment camp, with Stephanie Cole (5)
11 Police procedural show written by Lynda La Plante, _ & Retribution (5)
12 Jane _, actress who played Bubble in Absolutely Fabulous (8)
13 Actress who plays Eileen "Mama" Sun in The Brothers Sun, Michelle _ (4)
15 _ Kennedy, Alan Fletcher's Neighbours character (4)
16 Actress who recently quit her role as TV's Vera, Brenda _ (7)
17 _ Hall, 2015 drama about Thomas Cromwell which is set to air a second series (4)
18 American reality competition show on Netflix, The _ (6)
21 Judge John _, 2000s legal drama with Martin Shaw (4)
22 Noughties police procedural time travel drama with John Simm, Life On _ (4)

DOWN

1 Roseanne _, actress who played Roseanne in the sitcom of that name (4)
2 Actress who played Amy Farrah Fowler in The Big Bang Theory, Mayim _ (6)
3 _ Grylls, TV adventurer who is often Running Wild (4)
4 William _, actor who plays Coronation Street's Ken Barlow (6)
5 TV presenter and writer, Richard _ (7)
6 _ Langsford, presenter who was a This Morning relief host (4)
9 New Disney+ historical mystery drama starring Arthur Hughes (9)
10 He presented This Is Your Life, Michael _ (5)
14 Cash In The _, daytime auction show (5)
17 Comedian who wrote the sitcom Dinnerladies, Victoria _ (4)
19 Will _ _, one of the coaches on ITV's The Voice (1,2)
20 _ Dawson, comedian who hosted Blankety Blank (3)

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

QUIZ OF THE WEEK

1 Who starred as Dexter Mayhew in the recent Netflix drama One Day?
2 Who wrote the comedy play The Two Gentlemen Of Verona?
9 According to the expression, what is 'nine-tenths of the law'?
4 Of what piece of furniture is a four-poster a type?
5 The five Ks are items traditionally worn or carried by members of which religion?
6 In international rugby union, which country finished bottom of the 2024 Six Nations Championship with four points?
7 Which of the seven deadly sins is missing from the following: pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy?
8 Which film directed by Christopher Nolan won eight Oscars at the 2024 Academy Awards?
3 In which US state is Three Mile Island, the site of a nuclear power station accident in 1979?
10 Ten Pound Poms actress Michelle Keegan, left, is married to which professional footballer and TV personality?

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

TRIVIA WORDSEARCH

1 Scotland international Denis Law began his professional football career in which West Yorkshire town? (12)
2 What was the title of Lawson's first studio album release in 2012, named after the first place they played together as a band? (7,6)
3 How many laws of thermodynamics are there? (4)
4 In which Nottinghamshire coal-mining town was author DH Lawrence born in 1885? (8)
5 Which British actress played lawyer CJ Lamb in the US drama series LA Law? (6,7)
6 Under what name did TE Lawrence (of Arabia) enlist in the RAF in 1922? (4)
7 Andrew Bonar Law, the only British prime minister to have been born outside the British Isles, was born in which Canadian province? (3,9)
8 Which role does Jennifer Lawrence play in the X-Men movies? (8)
9 Which US actor played the title role in the 1960s TV crime series Burke's Law? (4,5)
10 Who wrote the novel The Camomile Lawn? (4,6)

Laws. Solve the clues and find the answers in the grid.
Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

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Y	D	G	I	N	L	W	A	R	K	J	C	S

DITLOIDS

If we asked you what "7 D of the W" stood for, you would soon guess we meant 7 Days of the Week, but what are the rather more tricky ones below?
Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

1) The 3 M: A, P and A
2) S for 10 by DN
3) 1564: B of WS
4) H2SO4 is the F for S A
5) USG: The 18th US P
6) B, C, M and P S 3 P in S

MUDDLESOME

We've scrambled up the names of cheeses. Can you work out what they are?

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

CLEARLY HIP
PART LOTUS
DERELICT SEER

WORDS

In the following passage, the numbers 12345 represent different letters:

"It is a 125 idea to go to 145 1234," said the 123143 to his son. "Your 5423 mama always wore a 345 132, I, a 5443-stalker. We would also 3425 works by our favourite 1235 in order not to 13445." "Yet here I am, 525." "We 43345 once. It was a 5321 5445 and not one we 52345 to repeat."

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

CLOCK-WISE

There are six answers to be entered clockwise on the clock face. Each has four letters and each begins with the last two letters of the previous one, until we come full circle with answer six ending with the first two letters of answer one. Here are the clues:

1 Art movement

2 Noblewoman

3 Malicious

4 ---- Hamilton, comedy writer

5 Coloured with inks, say

6 Norse poetry

1 → 2 ↓ 3 ↙ 4 ← 5 ↑ 6 ↗

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Last Friday's solution

Across: Brandish, Inure, Adoration, Rat, Onyx, Recipe, Avenue, Zealot, Mature, Naif, Awe, Commissar, Crime, Ordnance.

Down: Bravo, Askance, Acolyte, Medic, Drab, Justice, Sliver, Tremor, Infidel, Sign, Quire, Liaison, Dentist, Force.

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SUMTHING

Fit the missing numbers into the grid so that all the sums are correct – reading left to right or on single lines top to bottom. There are 11 squares to fill, with one digit in each, and the 11 digits you must use are listed below. But where do they all go?

Solution in Monday's puzzle pull-out

We've given you one digit to get you started. Here are the missing digits to fit in:

1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 6, 8, 9

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

SAMURAI SUDOKU

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SMALL CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Cock-a-hoop, **7** Scorch, **9** Morocco, **10** Pens, **12** Err, **13** Supreme, **14** Spa, **15** Yeti, **17** Drivers, **19** Reason, **20** Detention. **Down: 1** Composer, **2** Oboe, **3** Car, **4** Accordion, **5** Hockey, **6** Ochre, **8** Harrison, **11** Sparse, **13** Spree, **16** Trio, **18** Eli.

TARGET

PROCURING

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WORDSEARCH

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THE ALPHABEATER

Black squares: 4, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 23, 25, 30, 35, 39.
Across: Court, Order, Shelf, Flippancy, Ebb, Serum, Step, Ibex, Jaded, Oak, Equalling, Inapt, Dizzy, Weave.
Down: Cohabit, Squid, Spy, Ruffle, Slays, Stimulative, Poppy, Engine, Bid, Ketch, Example.

CROSS DOUBT

Across: FIBRE
Down: TRACK

SUMMIT UP

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ARROW-WORD

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THE ALPHAPUZZLE

Across: Standard, Object, Purify, Centaur, Skein, City, Wit, Pat, Area, Repel, Impeach, Burial, Gossip, Subtlety.
Down: Sizzling, Truck (clue), Waspish, Defunct, Cups, Catarrh, Dove, Parquet, Default, Exact, Terminal.

WORD BUILDER

Aid, Arid, Rabid, Disbar, Bards, Drab, Bad

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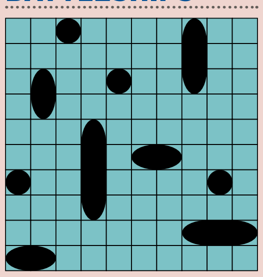
BATTLESHIPS



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KEIJO

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2	4	1	3
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1	3	2	4

QUICK CROSSWORD

Across: 1 Rite, **3** Gamblers, **9** Amateur, **10** Macaw, **11** Song of praise, **13** Recess, **15** Edison, **17** Stormy-petrel, **20** Cadet, **21** Outlaws, **22** Enlisted, **23** Shed.
Down: 1 Reassure, **2** Train, **4** Abrupt, **5** Bombardments, **6** Excuses, **7** Sewn, **8** Demonstrates, **12** Enclosed, **14** Citadel, **16** Bygone, **18** Reach, **19** Ache.

QUIZWORD

Across: 7 Greenwood Tree, **8** Under The, **9** Reno, **10** Mossop, **12** Tuxedo, **14** Amélie, **16** Rococo, **18** Shem, **20** Ode To Joy, **22** Spinning Jenny.
Down: 1 Grönholm, **2** Peters, **3** SWAT, **4** Forester, **5** Storax, **6** Behn, **11** Pretoria, **13** Duchovny, **15** LeMond, **17** Coover, **19** Hopi, **21** Eigg.

Puzzles

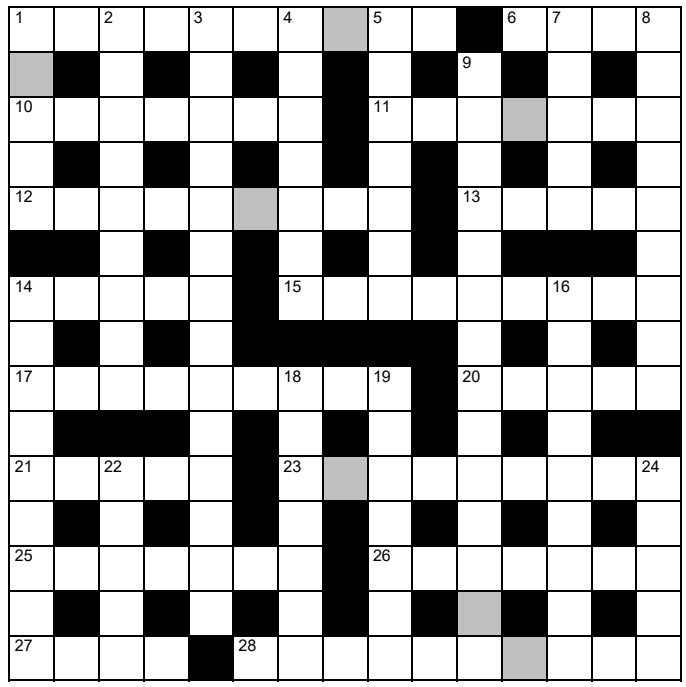
CRUSADER PRIZE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Trim cleaner in specialist plane (10)
6 Reasonable form of entertainment (4)
10 Beg for space to put handle (7)
11 She's entitled to get her island included by European ship (7)
12 Order missed – oil is not very hard (9)
13 A duo, worried about one sound (5)
14 Sit around small group of lawmen (5)
15 Put in a new petition that worked after harvest (9)
17 Socialist with energy for every ingredient (3,6)
20 Animal less cold in the East End (5)
21 Loiter, having finished after husband (5)
23 Moved fast around delicate ship's ornamentation (9)
25 Can't use terribly eccentric person (7)
26 Artist back to organise a sale of a body of water (4,3)
27 Bear looking around nobleman (4)
28 Clean up sty, somehow getting trophy (7,3)

DOWN

1 Musical game (5)
2 Made best use of deposit I'm transferring (9)
3 Last practice session for a seamstress? (5,9)
4 Get comfortable with republican colonist (7)
5 Animal is chained, unfortunately (7)
7 Leading article on top (5)
8 Emergency worker to give answer with hesitation (9)
9 Frenchman is suitable for Nick (14)
14 Possibly sit on cane construction (9)
16 Trendy coach loses heart and thus becomes natural (9)
18 Doctor sees him as slow to get angry (7)
19 Stop at the chorus (7)
22 Cross supplier tore off after five (5)
24 Rascal removes tail from prawns (5)



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WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 1 Locates, 5 Manager, 9 Tanginess, 10 Crowd, 11 Gainful, 12 Couples, 13 Understanding, 18 Alligator clip, 20 Borstal, 23 Insider, 25 Offal, 26 Close-knit, 27 Dressed, 28 Yankees. **DOWN:** 1 Let's go, 2 Continual, 3 Thief, 4 Smell a rat, 5 Music, 6 Nocturnal, 7 Ghoul, 8 Redesign, 14 Digitalis, 15 Territory, 16 Impedance, 17 Bad blood, 19 Brutus, 21 Rifle, 22 Lucid, 24 Stern. **Prizeword:** Empress

TARGET

C	R	D
E	K	D
E	F	O

● *The Target uses words in the main body of Chambers 21st Century Dictionary (1999 edition)*

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals. Verb forms ending in S permitted.

TODAY'S TARGET
Good 13; **very good** 20; **excellent** 26 **(or more).** Solution on Monday

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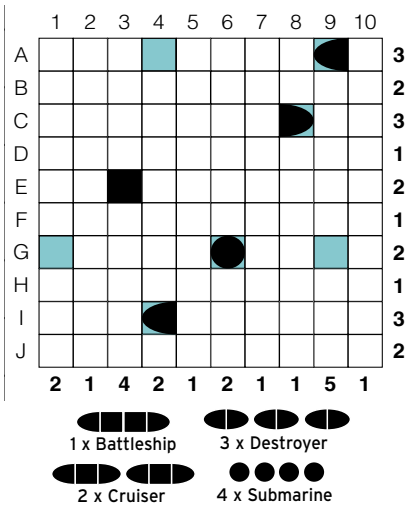
FIND where the fleet of ships shown is hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.
Solution on Monday



THE ALPHABEATER

TARGET TIME: 32 minutes

CAN you crack the Alphabeater? Each grid number represents a letter – or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letters and black square below the grid to start. The grid is 'rotationally symmetrical' – in other words, it looks the same if you turn the page upside down.
Solution on Monday

Extra letter clues
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A	8	10	27	33	22	18	9	3	30	33	16	3	2
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C	12	3	34	9	33	12	37	27	1	18	27	33	30
D	32	2	9	37	39	4	17	28	15	12	4	11	7
E	9	18	40	16	33	12	12	8	5	1	22	22	34
F	28	36	18	8	25	1	13	3	26	34	25	36	40
G	4	6	28	1	16	24	38	5	32	16	14	28	25
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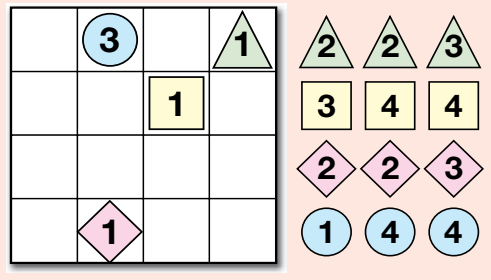

Place the tiles into the grid so that four different numbers and four different shapes appear in each row and column.
Solution on Monday

THE ALPHAPUZZLE®

Alphapuzzle® tests logic and word power. Each grid number stands for a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. Solution on Monday.
DIFFICULTY: 6/10; **TARGET:** 20 mins; **CLUE:** Sleeps over a bridge.

A		26		16		24		13				6	
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C		7		26		21		21		26		11	
D	5	20	18	15		6	21	20	14	9	18	25	16
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Hear up to six Extra Letters, deduct two minutes for each clue letter heard.
FULL SOLUTION: **0907 181 2565***
ACROSS ONLY: **0907 181 2561*** / DOWN ONLY: **0907 181 2562***
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TODAY'S ANSWERS: BEGINNER = 41; INTERMEDIATE = 29; ADVANCED = 548.

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EURO 2024

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GENERATION GAME: Teenager Yamal, left, and veteran Morata celebrate Italy's own-goal last night

SPAIN 1
ITALY 0

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PRIZE FIGHTERS

Spain into knockout rounds after heavyweight clash

DAILY EXPRESS

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DUDA: WE'RE READY TO DIG DEEP

SLOVAKIA v UKRAINE
GROUP E: Dusseldorf Arena
TODAY, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

BY **MARK JONES**

SLOVAKIA are taking a lesson from recent history to ensure they do not get carried away with their victory over Belgium.

Three years ago at Euro 2020, they beat Poland 2-1 in their opening game in Saint Petersburg before going out at the group stage following defeats by Sweden and Spain.

But a win over Ukraine will ensure qualification for the knockout stages. "Of course that is the experience we had (at Euro 2020)," said midfielder Ondrej Duda. "But sometimes football can be cruel, sometimes it can be beautiful, and even if we had lost the first game, we could still make it out of the group.

"We've started well but the last game is now in the past."

Coach Francisco Calzona has been trying to keep his players grounded after the win over the team ranked No.3 in the world.

"Our greatest quality is humility," he said. "We know that we always need to give 110 per cent because we're a small nation and we really want to put a big smile on the faces of our people. We're delighted to have seen a huge wall of Slovak fans for the Belgium game, and we hope we can continue to give them something to smile about."

Ukraine are not giving up hope despite a 3-0 defeat to Romania in their opener.

Arsenal star Oleksandr Zinchenko said: "Games like that happen. We wouldn't be here if we didn't believe in ourselves. It's better to do more and say less."

SLOVAKIA: Dubravka; Pekarik, Vavro, Skriniar, Hancko; Kucka, Lobotka, Duda; Schranz, Bozenik, Haraslín
UKRAINE: Lunin; Konoplia, Zabarnyi, Matviyenko, Zinchenko; Stepanenko, Shaparenko; Tsygankov, Sudakov, Mudryk; Dovbyk
REF: Michael Oliver (Eng)

MOR THAN ENOUGH Alvaro Morata leads the Spanish celebrations after Calafiori's own goal

SPAIN

De la Fuente's stars into last 16 and looking dangerous after two great wins

GROUP B
SPAIN 1
Calafiori og 55
ITALY 0

BY **CHARLIE GORDON**

RICCARDO CALAFIORI'S calamitous own goal saw Spain take a second huge scalp in as many Euro 2024 games.

La Roja followed up their thumping of Croatia with a deserved win over Italy in Gelsenkirchen to book their spot in the knockout rounds one game ahead of schedule. A

HELPING HAND... Yamal and Williams starred for Spain but they needed an own goal to take the points

SPAIN		ITALY
57%	POSSESSION	43%
8	SHOTS ON TARGET	1
8	SHOTS OFF TARGET	3
5	CORNERS	2
0	OFFSIDE	1
16	FOULS	14
0	CARDS	2
3		0

Referee: Slavko Vincic

REIGN SUPREME

blockbuster meeting between holders Italy and three-time winners Spain saw Luciano Spalletti's side struggle to stamp their authority at the Veltins Arena.

Spain proved their blistering start to the tournament was no fluke and laid down a marker to the likes of Germany, England and France.

Rodri's composure in midfield, combined with the youthful exuberance of Lamine Yamal and Nico Williams out wide, will make them a tough side to beat – even if Italy are a shadow of the team that won the Euros at Wembley three years ago.

Williams, a target for several top Premier League clubs, was the standout performer as he terrorised Giovanni Di Lorenzo out wide.

His cross from the left set up a Pedri header which called Gianluigi Donnarumma into action inside two minutes. And the fear in Di Lorenzo was tangible whenever the Spain winger got on the ball.

But for all of Williams' edge, the 21-year-old did not shower himself in glory when he nodded Spain's best chance of the half wide from point-blank range.

Federico Dimarco did not have it much easier on Italy's opposite flank. It took 18 minutes for teenager Yamal to draw the first 'Ole' with an eye-catching turn.

Patience and neat passing were at the heart of Spain's display, but Fabian Ruiz put that to one side when he unleashed a 30-yard piledriver, which was glanced over by Donnarumma.

As anticipation turned to frustration for the Italian fans, they mercifully witnessed a shot in anger shortly before the interval as Federico Chiesa blazed over at the near post.

Having met at the last five consecutive Euros finals, Spain are a team Italy know well.

But as the game wore on, they proved to be a puzzle Spalletti was unable to crack.

It was a red frenzy again as play restarted, with Williams finding Marc Cucurella on the overlap to cross for Pedri, who buried his head in his hands after diverting the ball wide.

The game's only goal was just around the corner, and it was no surprise to see the relentless Williams play a key role as his cross was glanced on by Alvaro Morata and then bundled into his own net by Calafiori. Spain had their opponents on the ropes and proceeded to go for the big finish.

In a flurry of opportunities, Morata's long-range shot was palmed wide by Donnarumma and Robin Le Normand's header was cleared off the line from the resulting corner.

Yamal was growing in confidence and wanting a piece of the action, so the 16-year-old let fly from distance and missed the target by a whisker.

The Italians' good fortune kept them within range, but Spain continued pounding on the door, this time through Williams, who cut in from the left and spectacularly clattered the crossbar.

All Italy could muster late on was a dangerous, but unanswered cross from one substitute to another – Bryan Cristante to Mateo Retegui – as Spalletti's beaten men were sent back to the drawing board in humbling fashion.

SPAIN: Simon 6, Carvajal 7, Le Normand 5, Laporte 7, Cucurella 8, Pedri 6 (Torres 71), Rodri 6, Ruiz 6 (Merino 90), Yamal 8 (Baena 71), Morata 7 (Oyarzabal 78), Williams 9 (Ayoze 78)

ITALY: Donnarumma 7, Di Lorenzo 4, Bastoni 6, Calafiori 5, Dimarco 6, Frattesi 7 (Cambiaso 45, 5), Jorginho 5 (Cristante, 45, 6), Barella 6, Chiesa 5 (Zaccagni 64, 6), Scamacca 6 (Retegui 64, 6), Pellegrini 6 (Raspadori 82)

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THE MASKED STINGER

Patched-up Mbappe could be back to take down Dutch

HOLLAND: Verbruggen; Dumfries, De Vrij, V Dijk, Ake; Schouten, Reijnders, Veerman; Malen, Depay, Gakpo.
FRANCE: Maignan; Kounde, Upamecano, Saliba, Hernandez; Kante, Rabiot; Dembele, Griezmann, Mbappe; Thuram
REF: Anthony Taylor (Eng)

NEW NOSE JOB
Kylian Mbappe trains in his face protector (Pic: French FA)

GROUP D TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
France	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Poland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Austria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

HOLLAND v FRANCE
GROUP D: Leipzig Stadium
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

BY **ALEX RICHARDS**

ON MONDAY night, his tournament looked to be over.

But this evening, Kylian Mbappe may well lead out France once again.

Despite leaving the field battered, bloody and with a broken nose (right) after Les Bleus' 1-0 win over Austria in Dusseldorf and being rushed to hospital, the soon-to-be Real Madrid superstar may well get the nod in Leipzig.

And Didier Deschamps is giving great thought to starting his main man when they meet Holland in one of the group stages' few true heavyweight clashes.

"I can confirm that Kylian is feeling better and all is evolving well to see him available," said Deschamps.

"Everything is going in the right direction after the major shock he had, and with the consequences of course. Yesterday, he was able to go out and do a little activity. It's moving in the right direction to ensure that he can be available."

Mbappe trained on the pitch in Leipzig with his team-mates yesterday evening, wearing his newly-made protective mask.

It is a remarkable U-turn from Deschamps, who had insisted on Wednesday that he would not be risked.

But the power Mbappe boasts in his homeland and within the squad may well have persuaded him to wait until the very last second before deciding his starting line-up.

"I try to have discussions with the players, those who are starting, those who aren't," added the France boss.

"This includes Kylian.

"I have to manage the group and I will manage the group."

Mbappe has made clear ever since the incident with Austria defender Kevin Danso that he wanted to return as soon as possible.

Leaving hospital at 1am on Tuesday morning, he took to social media asking "any ideas for masks?". That was a sign of his desire to return to a tournament which he is desperate to win.

But discussions back at the French base camp had appeared to lead to the decision that he would sit it out.

However, having taken part in a light session wearing his mask on Wednesday night, and with the swelling having gone down considerably, more conversations were held.

Afterwards, he had taken to social media again to declare: "Without risks, there are no victories."

Team-mate Antoine Griezmann said: "Kylian is doing very well, his nose is less swollen.

"We will see how he is doing until the end. His feeling will be the deciding factor."

The Atletico Madrid striker also insisted whatever the decision, France will adapt.

"I think the entire team will have to adapt," Griezmann added.

"I really don't know if he's going to be playing.

"Having one of the best players in the world, or not, definitely changes things. We'll see how it goes.

"It doesn't matter what the team selection is.

"We always have to adapt, adapt to our opponents and attack their weak points."

RONALD TO KEEP HORST POWER IN RESERVE

BY **JOSHUA PECK**

RONALD KOEMAN refused to confirm whether Wout Weghorst would start – despite his starring role in Holland's opener.

Weghorst (inset) climbed off the bench against Poland to net a decisive goal, but the Burnley striker may begin the game against France as a substitute again.

"We try to get the most out of the squad with every game," Dutch manager Koeman said.

"We have players who start, and those who finish. You will see where Wout fits into that plan.

"The lesson we learned against Poland was that we have to play at a high level for 90 minutes, not just 60. Also that you have to be patient."

Holland will be through to the round of 16 as group winners if they beat France and Austria do not get three points against Poland.

Nathan Ake and Cody Gakpo shone for the Dutch down the left against the Poles, with Manchester City star Ake hoping to build on that relationship.

"I think we had a great connection," the defender said.

"He's very good, obviously. Technically, tactically, but also very smart defensively.

"The last few years he's been very important for the team."

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POLE POSITION Robert Lewandowski is back to lead from the front against Austria

Szczesny joy as Robert's back in attack

POLAND v AUSTRIA
GROUP D: Olympiastadion, Berlin
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

FROM **MARK JONES**

ROBERT LEWANDOWSKI is desperate to get his sixth major tournament up and running in Berlin today.

The Barcelona forward was forced to watch from the sidelines as a thigh injury kept him out of Poland's opening 2-1 defeat by Holland.

But he is set to feature against Austria in the German capital and could provide the missing spark for the Poles.

"The Austrians will not be happy that he is fit," said goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny (right).

"The more leaders we have on the pitch, the better. Robert's performance makes a big difference.

"I don't know if he's ready for 90 minutes, it's not for me to judge, but the fact that he's present on the pitch will add a lot of value to our team. Lewandowski has been our best player for many years now. And in my opinion he is the best Polish player of all time.

"The fact that he is on the pitch will change our overall approach and our opponents' approach."

Austria captain Marcel Sabitzer knows the prolific forward well having shared a dressing room with him in the past.

And he is in no doubt what his side will need to do to stop a man who has scored 82 goals in 150 international appearances.

"At Bayern Munich I had the joy of playing together with Lewandowski for one year, therefore I know his qualities and that he's an exceptional player," said Sabitzer.

"For us as a team nothing will change, but you shouldn't give him too much space around the box and in the box, because he can score from any situation and we have to prevent that."

Austria boss Ralf Rangnick knows the threat Lewandowski poses but won't let it dictate how he sets up.

"We expect that Lewandowski will be playing, but it doesn't change a lot with our way of playing," said Rangnick.

"Of course Lewandowski is THE player in Poland and everyone tries to pass to him, and I think that he will be playing.

"In the box he is dangerous and we have to make sure that we try to prevent him getting balls, and play the game according to our way of playing, and to control it.

"I think if we do it like this he won't be able to be in situations where he can show his qualities.

"Our aim was to qualify for the finals. We did that. Now we want to reach the knockouts and we always knew we'd have to beat at least one, maybe two teams in our group to achieve that.

"Our style of play isn't set up to try and get draws. We'll be playing for the win. Everything else is a game of hypotheticals which is not worth playing."

Poland boss Michal Probierz is likely to drop forward Adam Buksa, who scored Poland's goal in their defeat to the Dutch, in order to hand Lewandowski a start.

BERLIN OR BUST IN LAST-CHANCE SHOOT-OUT

FROM **MARK JONES**

IT COULD be a case of go hard or go home in Berlin, with many already placing Poland and Austria in the last-chance saloon.

Both sides impressed for periods of their respective opening matches against Holland and France.

But after one-goal defeats there and with tough games against those opponents to come, victory appears the most likely way to secure one of the best third-placed finishes.

Does that place any added pressure on the game? Not according to Austria captain Marcel Sabitzer.

"Pressure is always there," said the midfielder (left), who featured in the Borussia Dortmund side which made it to the Champions League final at Wembley earlier this month. "You can put yourself under pressure as well. But we have a way of coping with specific situations.

"We are always open and honest. We address things openly and clearly, and we've already said what we need to do to win the match.

"Poland will talk the same to each other, but if I think about the last match where we didn't play on a top level... if we follow our principles and intensities, then we have a good chance to win."

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WE'VE SCOT TO BELIEVE

Gilmour sure team can make history

BY **CHARLIE GORDON**

BILLY GILMOUR believes Scotland are good enough to make history this summer.

Eight World Cups and three European Championships prior to this one have produced 11 group-stage exits, meaning Scotland fans have never watched their team in a knockout tie at a major tournament.

But Steve Clarke's side will give themselves a great chance of providing that for the Tartan Army for the first time if they beat Hungary on Sunday.

Their display in Wednesday's 1-1 draw with Switzerland has whipped up a renewed sense of belief among Gilmour and his pals.

"We believe we can go and do it now in the last game," said the Brighton midfielder. "We've got a good enough group of players in there to go and make history."

Xherdan Shaqiri's superb long-range effort rescued a point for the Swiss, who went behind early on in Cologne.

Scott McTominay had put the Scots ahead with a deflected strike, and the Manchester United star is just as optimistic as Gilmour.

"We had good moments with the ball, we were patient with it," said McTominay. "We pressed them at the right times. There are real positives to take into the next game.

"This is what you play football for – these are the games where you have to leave it all on the pitch.

"If we keep playing with that hunger and desire, and have that belief, we can go and beat Hungary. I'm pretty sure we can do it.

"We were very passive [against Germany]. We were slow, not reacting to anything. We know what we are capable of doing."

Scotland's best chance of making it to the knockouts is by finishing as one of the four best third-place teams.

With only one point on the board so far, a draw in their final game may not be enough.

And having won just once in 11 matches – against Gibraltar – the form book does not look good.

However, their Group A finale will come against a Hungary side who have no points.

Scottish hopes will be fuelled by Swiss manager Murat Yakin, who admitted Clarke's men were a trickier side to face than Hungary.

"If we compare the two teams Scotland caused us more problems, especially in the first half," Yakin said.

"It will be a hard-fought game between Scotland and Hungary."

Switzerland's qualification for the knockout stage is virtually assured – and they can even snatch top spot with a win against Germany this weekend.

Shaqiri stepped up to the plate against Scotland, and the former Liverpool player has backed himself to do the same against the tournament hosts.

"The big games were made for me," he said.

"I hope I will be remembered for that."

THUMBS UP TO US
Gilmour says Scotland are good enough to advance after draw against Swiss (below)

GROUP A TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Scotland	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Hungary	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

REF'S CALL IS DOUBLE DUTCH TO ANGRY HUNGARY

BY **ALEX RICHARDS**

HUNGARY face a do-or-die group stage finale with Scotland after they were left furious by referee Danny Makkelie.

Manager Marco Rossi accused the Dutchman of "double standards" in his officiating against hosts Germany, as goals from Jamal Musiala and Ilkay Gundogan on Wednesday left their Euro 2024 hopes hanging by a thread.

Hungary were unhappy that Musiala's opener in the 22nd minute was allowed to stand, after an apparent shove by Gundogan on defender Willi Orban proved crucial in the build-up. Goalkeeper Peter Gulacsi felt Makkelie had played a decisive role in the loss that leaves the Hungarians with zero points, and needing a win against Steve Clarke's men to stand any chance of reaching the last 16.

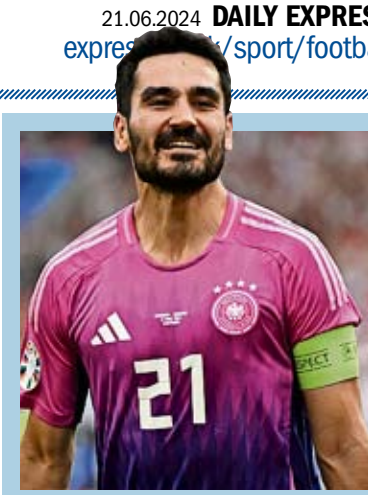
"Why would the defender fall on the ball when he has a chance to clear it, unless it's a foul," said the former Liverpool goalkeeper (below). "It's very [decisive]. If it stays 0-0 then it's a different situation. We go 1-0 down against an opponent who is a good team, a strong team.

"After that it was difficult to get back into the game. But Germany deserved to win."

Hungary players surrounded Makkelie after the goal – in contradiction to UEFA's new directive that only the team captain can approach referees. On his team-mates surrounding the official in spite of UEFA's stance, Gulacsi added: "It's not a bad rule if they allow the captain to really talk to the referee.

"We were all frustrated because we felt the decision could be the other way. We tried to convince the referee to have a look, but he was convinced with his decision."

Rossi hit out at Makkelie for allowing the goal to stand before later giving a foul to Germany in a similar situation after a challenge on Robert Andrich.



GERMANS IN TUNE WITH EACH OTHER

FROM **SIMON MULLOCK** in Frankfurt

A EUROPOP hit from the Eighties has become the backing track to Germany's bid for glory – and skipper Ilkay Gundogan believes Julian Nagelsmann's team are now in perfect harmony.

Major Tom, a tune by Peter Schilling that was No.1 in the German charts in 1983, topped a poll before the tournament kicked off when fans were asked to vote for a song that would be the nation's answer to England's Sweet Caroline.

It has been belted out from the stands in Munich and Stuttgart as the hosts have stormed into the last 16 with comfortable victories against Scotland and Hungary.

And former Manchester City midfielder Gundogan (above) agrees with his manager that there is a feel-good factor sweeping around Germany.

He said: "I'm happy about the wins but also happy about the positive words from Julian. I hope it will continue like this and it will spark enthusiasm among the fans.

"The harmony in the team is really high and it's fun to play with this group of players.

"As captain, I can really feel the trust from the head coach, the coaching staff and my team-mates.

"I feel really comfortable in this team. We are now playing much more freely, which wasn't the case before because of some bad results.

"This feels more special for us to start the tournament like this. Things are now coming naturally."

Gundogan scored Germany's second goal in the 2-0 win against Hungary in Stuttgart on Wednesday after setting up the opener for the outstanding young talent Jamal Musiala.

Hungary complained that the Barcelona star got away with a foul but Gundogan was having none of it.

The 33-year-old said: "I was quite surprised that the Hungary team were angry. I don't know what it looked like on TV but I played in the Premier League for seven years and if they gave that as a foul in England everyone would have been laughing on the floor.

"We have reached a very good situation. We just need one win to top the group and we want to finish this opening stage by ranking first in every stadium. That would feel special."

Germany round off their Group A campaign against Switzerland in Frankfurt on Sunday.

UEFA EURO 2024 RESULTS

GROUP A
GERMANY, HUNGARY, SCOTLAND, SWITZERLAND

GERMANY 5 (Wirtz 20, Musiala 19, Havertz 45+1 pen, Fullijrug 68, Can 90+3) SCOTLAND 1 (Rudiger 87 og)	HUNGARY 1 (Varga 66) SWITZERLAND 3 (Duah 12, Aebischer 45, Embolo 90+3)
GERMANY 2 (Musiala 22, Gundogan 67) HUNGARY 0	SCOTLAND 1 (McTominay 13) SWITZERLAND 1 (Shaqiri 26)
SWITZERLAND – GERMANY – Frankfurt Arena SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	SCOTLAND – HUNGARY – Stuttgart Arena SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP B
SPAIN, ITALY, CROATIA, ALBANIA

SPAIN 3 (Morata 29, Ruiz 32, Carvajal 45+2) CROATIA 0	ITALY 2 (Bastoni 11, Barella 16) ALBANIA 1 (Bajrami 1)
CROATIA 2 (Kramaric 74, Gjasula 76 og) ALBANIA 2 (Laci 11, Gjasula 90+5)	SPAIN 1 (Calafiori 55 og) ITALY 0
CROATIA – ITALY – Leipzig Stadium MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)	ALBANIA – SPAIN – Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP C
SLOVENIA, DENMARK, SERBIA, ENGLAND

SLOVENIA 1 (Janza 77) DENMARK 1 (Eriksen 17)	SERBIA 0 ENGLAND 1 (Bellingham 13)
SLOVENIA 1 (Karnicnik 69) SERBIA 1 (Jovic 90+5)	DENMARK 1 (Hjulmand 34) ENGLAND 1 (Kane 18)
ENGLAND – SLOVENIA – Cologne Stadium TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)	DENMARK – SERBIA – Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GROUP D
POLAND, AUSTRIA, HOLLAND, FRANCE

POLAND 1 (Buksa 16) HOLLAND 2 (Gakpo 29, Weghorst 83)	AUSTRIA 0 FRANCE 1 (Wober 38 og)
POLAND – AUSTRIA – Olympiastadion Berlin TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)	HOLLAND – FRANCE – Leipzig Stadium TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)
HOLLAND – AUSTRIA – Olympiastadion Berlin TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	FRANCE – POLAND – BVB Stadion Dortmund TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP E
BELGIUM, ROMANIA, SLOVAKIA, UKRAINE

ROMANIA 3 (Stanciu 29, Marin 53, Dragus 57) UKRAINE 0	BELGIUM 0 SLOVAKIA 1 (Schranz 7)
SLOVAKIA – UKRAINE – Düsseldorf Arena TODAY, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)	BELGIUM – ROMANIA – Cologne Stadium TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)
SLOVAKIA – ROMANIA – Frankfurt Arena WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)	UKRAINE – BELGIUM – Stuttgart Arena WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP F
TURKEY, PORTUGAL, GEORGIA, CZECH REP

TURKEY 3 (Muldur 25, Guler 65, Akturkoglu 90+7) GEORGIA 1 (Mikautadze 32)	PORTUGAL 2 (Hranac 69 og, Conceicao 90+2) CZECH REP 1 (Provod 62)
GEORGIA – CZECH REP – Volksparkstadion Hamburg TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)	TURKEY – PORTUGAL – BVB Stadion Dortmund TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)
CZECH REP – TURKEY – Volksparkstadion Hamburg WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)	GEORGIA – PORTUGAL – Arena AufSchalke WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

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Germany	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Switzerland	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Scotland	2	0	1	1	2	6	1
Hungary	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

GROUP B TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	2	2	0	0	4	0	6
Italy	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Albania	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Croatia	2	0	1	1	2	5	1

GROUP C TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Denmark	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Slovenia	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Serbia	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

GROUP D TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
France	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Poland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Austria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP E TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Slovakia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Belgium	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ukraine	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP F TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Portugal	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Czech rep	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Georgia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

ROUND OF 16

GAME 37 1A V 2C
BVB Stadion Dortmund SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

GAME 38 2A V 2B
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 5PM (Berlin)

GAME 39 SPAIN V 3A/D/E/F
Cologne Stadium SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 8PM (Cologne)

GAME 40 1C V 3D/E/F
Arena AufSchalke SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 5PM (Gelsenkirchen)

GAME 41 1F V 3A/B/C
Frankfurt Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 8PM (Frankfurt)

GAME 42 2D V 2E
Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 5PM (Dusseldorf)

GAME 43 1E V 3A/B/C/D
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 5PM (Munich)

GAME 44 1D V 2F
Leipzig Stadium TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 8PM (Leipzig)

QUARTER-FINALS

GAME 45 W39 V W37
Stuttgart Arena FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 5PM (Stuttgart)

GAME 46 W41 V W42
Volksparkstadion Hamburg FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 8PM (Hamburg)

GAME 47 W43 V W44
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)

GAME 48 W40 V W38
Düsseldorf Arena SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5PM (Düsseldorf)

SEMI-FINALS

GAME 49 W45 V W46
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8PM (Munich)

GAME 50 W47 V W48
BVB Stadion Dortmund WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

FINAL

GAME 51 WINNER 49 V WINNER 50
Olympiastadion Berlin SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)

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PLENTY OF PLUCK
Wild celebrations start for Turkey after Rustu's save, inset, seals shoot-out victory

TURKEY'S GREAT ESCAPE

'Special' side leave it late again

CROATIA 1 TURKEY 1
(AET, Turkey win 3-1 on pens)
Euro 2008 quarter-final: Ernst Happel Stadion, Vienna, Friday, June 20

BY **NEIL McLEMAN**

TURKEY led for a total of six minutes in their five matches at Euro 2008 – and still came within seconds of reaching the final.

Their victory against Croatia in the quarter-finals was among the most extraordinary in the tournament's history. Turkey had reached the knockout stage by scoring a stoppage-time winner against Switzerland before striker Nihat Kahveci netted in the 87th and 89th minutes against the Czech Republic to turn defeat and elimination into a ridiculous 3-2 win.

But Fatih Terim's side would surpass those victories for drama in the heart-stopping quarter-final.

Slaven Bilic's Croatia, who had knocked England out in qualifying, dominated the match, with Luka Modric outstanding. But they could not score the opening goal until the final minute of extra-time when Ivan Klasnic headed in a Modric cross, seemingly taking them to the semis.

Turkey coach Terim said: "After Croatia scored, I saw players lying on the pitch and I told Arda Turan to get the ball out of the goal and start again. I wasn't giving up. There is something special about this team."

Semih Senturk then produced something special by lashing an unstoppable left-foot shot into the top corner with the last kick of extra-time to cap a crazy 60 seconds. But the Turks were not finished.

The next red and white hero was veteran goalkeeper Rustu Recber, a star of the team who finished third at the 2002 World Cup. The 35-year-old had arrived at the tournament as a reserve but returned to the starting team after Volkan Demirel's dismissal against the Czechs.

Modric and Ivan Rakitic both missed the target in the shoot-out, before Rustu saved Mladen Petric's kick to see Turkey win 3-1 on penalties.

Pandemonium followed. Bilic said: "This is the third match Turkey have won in this extreme manner. It is obvious that they have quality and the X-factor, which you need. The game had an incredible ending, the kind you can only find in football."

Turkey faced Germany in the semi-finals with only 14 players available because of injuries and suspensions. After briefly taking the first-half lead through Ugur Boral and outplaying the Germans for long periods, another shock seemed possible when Semih forced an equaliser just four minutes from time to make it 2-2.

But in another incredible finale, the tables were turned on the Turks as Philipp Lahm scored an 89th-minute winner.

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